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## Press Release

### Statement by the Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council on current situations in Ethiopia

*April 13, 2023: Addis Abeba:* The Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council (ECSOC) has continuously been the voice of the civil society sector regarding emerging concerns in Ethiopia. The Council has repeatedly been reminding all parties to conflicts and disputes to resolve their differences through dialogue.

ECSOC has been closely monitoring the current development in connection with the decision to re-organize the special forces of the Regions. The Council has come to understand that civilians have been injured and lost their lives in the conflict that occurred in some localities of the Amhara region. The council has also learned that two workers of the Catholic Relief Service were among those who were killed in the recent incident. While this being the case, reliable sources indicated that two Ethiopian Red Cross Society workers were also injured while on duty.



Repeated attacks targeting humanitarian aid workers and causing loss of life is not only a grave concern for the Council but also a serious threat to derail the humanitarian efforts being underway to reach those in need.

In this regard, the Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council calls for a restraint on current conflicts and demand for the protection of humanitarian workers deployed in conflict prone areas.

ECSOC reaffirms its commitment in continuing its efforts for lasting peace in our country and pledges to continue to advocate for the peaceful resolution of all types of conflicts and disagreements.



**About Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council (ECSOC)**

*The Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council is an independent institution established as per Article 85 of Proclamation No. 1113/2019 and is mandated to operate in Ethiopia on behalf of all civil society organizations. Currently, over 4,400 civil society organizations are members of the council.*