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Press Statement

October 11, 2022 Addis Ababa: The Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council (ECSOC) is established under the CSO proclamation to coordinate and represent civil society organizations in the country. The council strives to ensure that the civil society sector is well represented and coordinated on matters of national significance.

It is to be recalled that the council has been undertaking several activities on current national issues. Based on this, the Council has made various efforts towards ending the armed conflict, the death and displacement of civilians, by hosting various consultative forums with civil society organizations, including making frequent calls for peace. In addition, it is closely working with civil society organizations to provide emergency humanitarian support to those affected by the conflict.

In this regard, considering the significant human cost and physical destruction that the simmering armed conflict in the Northern part of the country is causing; appreciating the latest signal on the part of the Federal government and the TPLF to return to the negotiating table; as well as recognizing the AU efforts to formally seize and lead the peace process, the Council would like to encourage all the actors concerned to commence the differed peace process as quickly as possible and negotiate in good faith to reach at an agreement that ensures the sustainable safety and security of all citizens in the country.

On the other hand, concerned by the continuing gross human rights violations and mass killings on civilian population in Western Oromia and the inadequacy of the response to stem the tide of violence, the Council would like to reiterate its call for the government to make maximum effort towards protecting civilian life and ensure stability in the area.



Similarly, we call upon the international community to constructively support the peace process as well as refrain from actions that jeopardize the prospects for peaceful settlement of the conflict. Also recognizing their paramount importance, the Council calls upon the Academia and the Media to play a constructive role both in the peace process as well as humanitarian support and relief.

Finally, at this critical time, ECSOC would like to remind all concerned actors to urgently respond to the serious humanitarian needs to the thousands of people affected by the recurrence of the internal armed conflict. To this end, the Council once again reiterates its readiness to redouble efforts towards peace building and humanitarian support by organizing and coordinating the civil society.



About the Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council

The Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council is established in accordance with Article 85 of Proclamation No. 1113/2019 and is mandated by the FDRE Civil Society Organizations Authority to operate in Ethiopia on behalf of all recognized civil society organizations. Currently, over 4,000 civil society organizations are members of the council.