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EPRP Press Release

The Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Party Leadership Committee (EPRP-LC) has successfully concluded its 2nd plenum held from November 24 to 27, 2006.

The Committee thoroughly analyzed the deteriorating economic and social conditions of the country as indicated by the alarmingly increasing cost of living and the ever deepening poverty. It exhaustively deliberated on the current political conditions in the country and the region as a whole, including the continuing violation of citizens' human rights, the iniquitous jailing of leaders and members of the Ethiopian opposition political organizations as well as those of civic organizations, the muzzling of the press and imprisonment of newsmen and editors of the once fledgling independent press, etc. Having noted with indignation the various incidents of massacre, the wanton extra-judicial killings, the frequent tortures and beatings, the arbitrary arrests of Ethiopians by the terrorist and dictatorial regime of Meles Zenawi, the committee could only reach the conclusion that this incorrigible regime has to GO. The LC also noted, sadly, the regime's latest venture in instigating and fanning inter-faith clashes in its ill-fated plan of divide-and-rule in a vain hope to lengthen its waning tenure in power.

The Committee admired the patriotism displayed by the recently exiled members of the regime appointed Inquiry Commission tasked to investigate the regime's massacres following the 2005 election. Despite massive threats and coercions by the regime, the honorable members did not budge from stating and exposing the fact that the regime was solely responsible for the naked massacres it committed through excessive use of force. The EPRP LC applauds their courage and highly appreciates their patriotic stand.

The regional and international situations directly affecting Ethiopia were also analyzed. The political chaos obtaining from the radicalization of the irredentist Jihadist forces in Somalia on the one hand and the direct military and political intervention of the Meles Zenawi's regime in the affairs of Somalia on the other pose a serious threat to regional peace, security and stability. The fact that the dictatorial regime in Ethiopia is staking out its survival on a fictitious war-on-terror in the Horn of Africa and that foreign powers are having a heavy military concentration along the Ethio-Somali border are increasingly incensing the neighboring Islamic countries and governments around Ethiopia. This, much to the detriment of Ethiopia, is dangerously pushing the region onto the brink of war.

With regard to its internal consolidation and expansion, the LC received and reviewed reports and recommendations of the various branches and committees of the party. Accordingly, it decided upon the necessary measures to help strengthen the existing party structures and on ways and means that would help to enhance the struggle. In its review,

the party leadership paid particular attention on the execution of the decisions of the 4th party congress and mapped out plans of actions for remaining tasks.

To ensure the coordination of the struggle, the party leadership pledged to continue and to enhance its work and role in the United Ethiopian Democratic Forces (UEDF), and re-affirmed to help carry out the decisions of the 2nd Congress of UEDF's National Council (*shengo*). In conclusion, the EPRP, in its earnest desire to shorten the duration of the struggle for liberation and to minimize the impending devastation of human and material resources, once again renews its call for All Democratic Forces and Civic Organizations to coordinate their struggle to bring about a united, democratic Ethiopia where the rule of law is supreme. It also calls on the Ethiopian people to continue the struggle and to persevere in the fight for their human rights and freedoms.

LONG LIVE A UNITED DEMOCRATIC ETHIOPIA!!

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