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OPEN LETTER TO CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL

MADAM CHANCELLOR,

The EPRP (founded in 1974) finds it imperative to address this open letter to you as you prepare to go to Ethiopia. Your trip to Ethiopia inadvertently legitimizes one of the most repressive regime in Africa specially a few days after it has declared a whole country state of emergency to last six months and after the regime has killed more than 2000 peaceful protesters over the past months.

Germany has in the past pursued a policy in Ethiopia that has taken slight concern as to democratic governance and human rights. By itself and within the EU Germany has given hundreds of millions of Euros to a war mongering regime that has routinely violated the rights of the people, committed ethnic cleansing and massacres, repressed religious rights and imposed a reign of violence. In the last view months alone it has been killing hundreds and as the people stubbornly continue the struggle it has now declared a state of emergency as if such a state has not been the reality of our people for the last 25 years. The regime deserves condemnation and sanction and not a pat on the back as it massacres our people.

Madam Chancellor, we call upon you to cancel your visit, to change the German policy of alliance with a regime that should be accused of crimes against people. Join to call on the regime to release close to 50,000

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political prisoners, to close its labor camps, to respect the right of the people and end the rule of terror and oppression.

We thank you for your attention.