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### **Live up to the Spirit & Theme of the Occasion!!! (One Dream implies Human Rights)**

The world's most prestigious sporting event, once again, has began; in Beijing this time. The sporting activities at the 29<sup>th</sup> Olympiad will obviously continue to over shadow all other world events in the coming two weeks. The Chinese have long dreamt about hosting the Olympics as a show off to the world that they have all the power to emerge dominant in every sphere of influence. They continue to shrug off all charges against their heavy handed handling of dissidents and over all human rights records.

As the most populace country in the world, China has continued to expand its hegemony on third world countries for several reasons. China needs natural resources for its developing industries and hence creating such an influence in most African countries has become the corner stone of their Foreign policy since the 1980s. All diplomatic and economic supports Chinese have been rendering thus far have paid off as they are enjoying the fruits of unchallenged control over most African countries. Their control over mining, agriculture and communication industries have grown in every African country. Over the course of time, they have earned the respect of individuals like Meles Zenawi who is most revered disciple of their brutal ideology. He has been heard emulating the Chinese development path whilst preaching democracy; the EPRDF style

The Chinese sphere of influence has widened in securing huge multi million government contracts without bidding they know they can play the game along the line to the top leader. Their contractual dealings with the Ethiopian government in major sectors like construction, mining and communication are obvious proofs that Chinese are favored over all other companies.

In reciprocity, the government of Ethiopia is enjoying to reap the fruits of its open door policy to the Chinese. It has earned the expertise on how to quash oppositions. The technology to suppress freedom of expression like blocking popular internet sites, monitoring electronic mails and tapping phones were supplied and implemented by the Chinese as a favor for their close ties. How about jamming radio frequencies!! Again, the Chinese technology has been instrumental in blocking alternative media outlets which have earned the respect of millions of listeners for airing nothing but the truth. These are just a few examples to cite. Their influence is felt in every sector of the government apparatus run by cadre bureaucrats who are beneficiaries of the corrupt system.



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We take this occasion to express our condemnation of the Chinese government for supporting Meles Zenawi's government brutal action in suppressing the will of the people. We call upon the leaders of the Chinese government to immediately cease their activities in supplying the regime with technologies of terror. The desire of our people in realizing its one dream (establishing a democratic society) must be respected in the true spirit of the sporting event the whole world is currently watching

The true Olympic spirit dictates that peace and love are the cornerstones of mankind. With that spirit rekindled once again, the Beijing 2008 sporting event has embraced the theme of 'One world and one dream". We wish every success to all our athletes whose one dream is not limited to the medals they earn by excelling over their competitors, **but also the institution of "unity and democracy" for the people of Ethiopia they represent.** We all wish that our "democracy and Unity" flag will be waved at the 30<sup>th</sup> Olympiad in London. Free and equal participation of all qualifying athletes will be the theme of our country's sporting events. We will continue to cheer you up from where ever we Ethiopians live. You are all our hopes and your long years of hard work will guarantee your dreams come true.

Therefore, we at "Kinijit for Human Rights and Democracy Canada", in the spirit of the Olympics, call upon Canadian athletes and government officials to take this occasion to show their solidarity to the people of Ethiopia in their struggle for freedom, democracy and justice. We wish our Canadian and Ethiopian athletes who are taking part in the events; all the best in their endeavours, at the same time condemning China; for its human rights violations and its support for African breed of dictators like Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia.

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