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His Excellency Hu Jintao President of the People's Republic of China State Council Beijing 100032 P.R. China

Your Excellency:

We remember a time in the near past when the party and government of the PRC stood on the side of the people of Ethiopia struggling for democracy and sovereignty. It is unfortunate to note today that the time seems to have passed to be replaced by what the people of Ethiopia have started to consider as policies by China detrimental to their basic national interest.

That the PRC reserves the full right to determine its own politics in line with its perception of its national interest is not debatable just as it is our inalienable right as Ethiopians to oppose any policy or politics that goes against the vital interest of Ethiopia and her people. Leaving aside other basic issues like the land grab and economic ventures, we would like to bring to your Excellency's attention the cooperation and active aid that the PRC is giving the repressive regime of Meles Zenawi in the area of internet blocking and radio jamming. As a result, Radio Finote Democracy has been jammed since the last six months and the right of the people to know or be informed trampled upon. That the PRC should be an active accessory to this gross violation of rights is a situation that should be stopped as it contravenes even the basic documents to which China itself is a signatory.

The EPRP calls upon Your Excellency to assure that the PRC stops being part and parcel of the human rights violation actions of the Meles Zenawi regime.

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