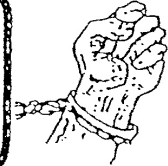




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SOCEPP 'S 13 YEARS

SOCEPP has tried to fulfill its objective and mission of reporting on the human rights situation with an emphasis on the plight of political prisoners "forgotten" by other human rights bodies for one reason or another. In the past 13 years, SOCEPP has gained credibility as an effective force within the human rights struggle world wide.

It would be a failure on our part if we were not to mention the very many difficulties and obstacles that SOCEPP had to overcome in order to accomplish its tasks. The EPRDF murdered in Addis Ababa one of SOCEPP's steadfast reporters and members, lawyer Tesfaye Tadesse. Government supporters spread all kinds of rumors and accusations against the organization. And then a few irresponsible individuals in Toronto, Canada, even went as far as taking its name and illegally calling themselves SOCEPP Canada. Yet, SOCEPP has been able to overcome all these obstacles and to continue thanks to the support of concerned Ethiopians and friends of Ethiopia. It has in the past years published numerous communiques, issued brochures, translated important human rights documents, helped families of political prisoners and publicized the plight of Ethiopians whose basic rights continue to be trampled upon by the repressive regime led by Meles Zenawi. SOCEPP has focused on ethnic minorities, women and children—all victims of the human rights violation-, on the plight of Ethiopian women in the Middle East, on the suffering of Ethiopian refugees in the Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and Kenya and called upon the world to heed their cries and to raise a helping hand.

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