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NORWAY—STOP HARASSING REFUGEES AND THREATENING DEPORTATION!

Sad as it is, the State of Norway has broken with its worthy past of being the land of asylum and refuge. Nowadays, xenophobia is the vogue and real politick determines the policy of the Norwegian government. Ethiopian refugees have become the visible victim of this callous and cruel slide into the realm of violator of human rights on the part of Norway.

The Norwegian government has signed an agreement with the repressive regime of Meles Zenawi to deport 400 Ethiopian refugees back to Ethiopia where deported refugees (from the Sudan and Djibouti) have been disappeared over the years. Norway has established good business relations with the notorious regime in Addis Abeba (sale of fertilizers, building dams, etc.). The real price to be paid for the strengthening of relations between Norway and the Addis Abeba tyrant falls on refugees. According to the new accord, Norway will deport the refugees and Meles will accept them. Why did the refugees flee their land in the first place? In a cynical and even racist move, Norway is telling the refugees we shall pay you to go back or we shall deport you come march 2012. Oil money and arrogance towards Ethiopians is evident here as it is in the Middle East. Shame on Norway indeed! It cannot hide the glaring fact that political refugees sent back to Ethiopia would face prison, torture and even death and disappearance. And Norway would be responsible for the torture and possible death of countless deported Ethiopian political refugees.

SOCEPP calls on human rights organizations and the UNHCR to protest against this illegal and cruel action planned the Norwegian government.

SOCEPP calls on all Ethiopians in the Diaspora to stage demonstrations of protest in front of Norwegian embassies and consulates all over the world Write protest letters to the Norwegian government and specifically to the Norwegian State Secretary in the Ministry of Justice, Mr. Paul K. Lonseth, who is gloating over the accord of shame signed with the Meles regime that has surely been promised or given financial incentives to sign the agreement.

SOCEPP calls on democratic organizations and human rights bodies in Norway to protest against the deportation threat facing Ethiopian refugees.

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