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## PRESS RELEASE SOCEPP SUPPORT COMMITTEE UK SUPPORTS PROTEST DEMO OF NOVEMBER 27

SOCEPP support committee (UK) fully supports the protest demonstration planned for November 27 in front of the embassy of the ruling regime in Ethiopia. All Ethiopians and other peace loving forces in London should join this demonstration called by democratic and unity forces to protest the presence of human rights violators Minister Berket Semon and ambassador Hilawe Yosef who are in London to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the so called Amhara National Democratic Movement (a satellite group in the service of the ruling regime).

The ANDM and especially these top leaders of the group are responsible for many crimes and human rights violations in the Amhara region (Kilil 3) and in the suppression and repression of peasants in Gojjam, Gondar and Wello regions. Berket Semon has been at the helm of the repressive campaign against the free press and independent journalists and his very leadership position in an officially "Amhara group" has been questioned by many who know he is Eritrean (Tigrean) by birth. Berket Semon is on record denying that there is "even one political prisoner" in Ethiopia.

SOCEPP Support Committee (UK) endorses and fully supports the November 27 protest demonstration planned by democratic and unity forces in London against the human rights violators.