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**ETHIOPIAN PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (EPRP)**

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**Norway Section**

**Norge avd.**

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## **Statement of our Position**

As everyone knows, there is a split in our organization, EPRP. This split in EPRP occurred when a faction, calling itself EPRP-Democracy (EPRP-D), broke away from the main organization. EPRP Norway Section asked both EPRP and EPRP-D to give us time to examine the bone of contention and the situation before deciding what position to take on the matter. Both parties to the conflict agreed to give us time and to do nothing in connection with us until we had arrived at a decision.

On the basis of this agreement, we created to the best of our ability an arena in which our members and supporters could discuss the matter openly, sensibly, rationally and as impartially as possible. We seem to have succeeded since the debate was conducted in a civilized fashion, and much useful information was presented and exchanged.

In the course of these discussions it emerged that the break-away faction had already been busy in Norway secretly emplacing the structure of their projected organization by recruiting previous members and supporters of EPRP Norway Section who had been expelled for breaches of discipline. It should be noted that they had done this already prior to breaking away, and that it was done via clandestine personal connection rather than normal, acceptable democratic process. It transpired to our astonishment that on top of this the chairman of EPRP-D paid a secret visit to Oslo for the purpose of giving our ex-members and supporters a mandate to represent EPRP-D in Norway, which he did.

This unethical and undemocratic action and their other documented unethical activities in Norway, make it abundantly clear to us that their behavior and activities are totally contrary to the ideals and the adherence to democratic process and principles that they preach so loudly and fervently. In the light of this it is indeed ironic that EPRP-D's avowed reason for breaking away from EPRP is that EPRP is "undemocratic"!

On the basis of what has come to light, EPRP Norway Section, with its vibrant support group, in its today's (03.05.2008) meeting, has after all due deliberation taken the decision to resume officially and formally its former activities with and relationship to the main organization, EPRP.

We renew our vows to stand for and defend the ideals of EPRP: Democracy for the people, sovereignty for the country, unity based on democracy, firm opposition to chauvinism and narrow

ethnic nationalism, upholding the rights and interests of the majority, protecting the minority, free and fair elections, and land to the tiller.

EPRP Shall Prevail !!

EPRP Norway Section