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**Position Statement of Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations’ (CSOs) on the
Humanitarian Truce between the Federal Government and TPLF**

The conflict that has been going on in Ethiopia between the Federal Government and the Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF) for more than a year has exposed many to severe famine, disease, malnutrition, and loss of lives and has caused also immense damage to social infrastructures. Hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to flee their homes and are compelled to live in a very dangerous and difficult situation. Reports from the United Nations (UN) indicate that the number of people displaced from the war-ravaged Tigray region is over 400,000.

Recently, the Government of Ethiopia has declared “an indefinite humanitarian truce immediately” to help hasten the delivery of emergency aid into the Tigray region, where hundreds of thousands face food shortages. In a statement issued on March 24, 2022 the Government announced that it “is committed to exert maximum effort to facilitate the free flow of emergency humanitarian aid into the Tigray region.”

To ensure the delivery of urgently needed humanitarian assistance, the Federal Government called upon TPLF forces to cease all acts of hostilities and withdraw from areas they have occupied in neighboring regions. TPLF has accepted the offer of the humanitarian



truce and said “it is committed to implementing a cessation of hostilities with immediate effect” and requested the Ethiopian Federal authorities to deliver emergency aid to Tigray to reach millions of people in need of assistance.

As humanitarian partners, CSOs believe that the prevention of humanitarian disaster is our primary duty which presupposes the prevalence of peace as prerequisite for growth and sustainable development.

CSOs wholeheartedly support the peace initiatives taken by the Federal Government and the TPLF highly appreciate as well as support the move taken by both parties. CSOs are committed to expedite the unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance to those in need and insist also that the parties to the conflict to respect the proposed humanitarian truce allowing for unhindered humanitarian access.

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