## In Loving Memory of Tigray's Fallen Heroes and Heroines

## The People of Tigray, Friends, and Fellow Advocates for Justice

As Tigray embarks on this solemn week of remembrance, we, at the Security and Justice for Tigrayans (SJT), a global organization of diaspora Tigrayans, stand united to share this message with our hearts bearing the heavy burden of the extraordinary sacrifices made by our gallant brothers and sisters. These exceptional fighters, our heroes, and heroines, displayed unwavering resilience and unmatched strength in the face of an unspeakable genocidal war, executed with the intention of obliterating the very existence of the entire people of Tigray.

The world may not fully understand the depth and magnitude of their courage, resilience, and unwavering determination to protect and save their people from annihilation. We, as steadfast members of SJT, unequivocally testify to their sacrifices, and we fervently carry the blazing torch of their memory into the future.

In Tigray, we witnessed lives cruelly severed by ruthless mass atrocities, the distressing pains of hunger, and the relentless torment of suffering. Yet, amid this heart-wrenching backdrop, we also bore witness to an indomitable spirit, an unyielding resolve and resilience that refused to be extinguished. The fallen heroes and heroines of Tigray were not merely casualties of a merciless war; they emerged as valiant warriors for justice, towering champions of humanity, and radiant beacons of hope, even in the darkest of times.

Our heroes and heroines stood united and fought as an unconquerable force against the tide of destruction, proving that even in the harshest circumstances, the human spirit can shine with unparalleled brilliance. They exemplified the essence of strength and solidarity, standing up for their people with a rare and unbreakable unity.

As we come together to commemorate their memory, let us be guided by their example and cause. Let us channel our profound empathy and compassion for Tigray into relentless advocacy for justice. Let us honor their legacy by supporting their surviving brothers and sisters and demanding accountability for the atrocities they endured.

In the face of such immense loss, we must resolve to be unyielding in our pursuit of justice, accountability, and lasting peace. The world must recognize the heroism of Tigray and the devastation wrought upon its people. We must unite our voices, actions, and unwavering determination to ensure their sacrifices were not in vain.

Today, we light candles, offer prayers, and pay our respect to Tigray's fallen heroes and heroines. Tomorrow, we continue the fight for justice. We promise to stand beside Tigray in its quest for a brighter, more peaceful future. We pledge to amplify their voices, share their stories, and support their dreams of a just, inclusive, and prosperous Tigray.

Let us remember the fallen with reverence, for they are the embodiment of courage and selflessness. Let us honor them with our commitment to a better world. Together, we can turn their memory into a beacon of hope, a symbol of resilience, and a catalyst for change.

In the spirit of solidarity and unwavering empathy, we mourn the fallen heroes and heroines of Tigray, and we stand resolute in our pursuit of justice. SJT compensates our martyred people by strongly advocating for the accountability and implementation of the Pretoria agreement.

Once again SJT extends its heartfelt condolences and an unwavering commitment, to all the families and the people of Tigray.

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