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For a long time, the border problem between Eritrea and Ethiopia remained unresolved thus, it created a tense atmosphere causing sporadic clashes between the parties. However, there are positive developments on the horizon, particularly after Ethiopia announced its acceptance of the ruling of the Eritrean Ethiopian Boundary Commission. Undoubtedly, this development gives hope to the people of the two countries who were subjected to a state of "no war no peace" that prevailed for nearly two decades.

We have no doubt that the people of Eritrea are eager for peace and good neighborliness, and they have happily welcomed the recent developments.

The ratification by the Ethiopian Parliament of the draft resolution submitted to it by the ruling EPRDF coalition party concerning the implementation of the Algiers Agreement based on the EEBC arbitration, has echoes positively among Eritreans, particularly after the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Dr. Abi Ahmed, announced that the Ethiopian government will abide by the decision of the parliament.

The Eritrean National Salvation Front would like to state that it welcomes the brave step taken by the ruling coalition party of Ethiopia. We hope this will open prospects for peace and good neighborliness between the two brotherly peoples. Certainly, the implementation of the decision will help restore the relationship between them to normalcy so that they can live side by side in a state of a healthy and constructive atmosphere of peace and stability.

But there is a question in the minds of Eritreans and other interested parties: how would the PFDJ deal with? Will it deal with it positively and engage in the process of demarcation and ending the state of enmity with the Ethiopian government or not?

Certainly, the boundary issue between Eritrea and Ethiopia was an excuse that the regime tried to exploit in imposing forced conscription, hampering any development in the country, facing the gloomy horizon. And with the latest Ethiopian decision, the excuses that the PFDJ used is no more valid

Based on our knowledge of the nature of the dictatorial regime, it may not respond to the Ethiopian decision and even demonstrate its acceptance of the decision. But, it will look for different pretexts to impede the implementation of the resolution, or ignite another battle with another neighbor, to avoid commitment to the internal benefits that peace ushers.

And since ending the border dispute eliminates all excuses, it will expose the regime and will reveal the truth of the dictatorial regime in front of the Eritrean public opinion and the world, and the justification for the regime to conscript the youth indefinitely, that we mentioned above, and freezing the nation from any constitutional and democratic strides for more than twenty years, under the pretext of a border war with Ethiopia. And it defies logic to expect a regime that is hostile to its own people, to respond positively to gestures of peace from neighboring countries.

And whatever the circumstances, and considering the rapid developments in our region, and the conflicts between regional powers, we call on the Eritrean opposition forces unify their efforts and wage a joint struggle to overthrow the Eritrean regime in order to establish a democratic system that guarantees Eritrea peace, stability, and development.

We would like to draw the attention of regional and international entities in the region to the fact that it is difficult to establish security and stability in the region, without achieving peace and stability in Eritrea. With this understanding the Eritrean forces of change expect the governments and countries of the region who love freedom and justice, to support the just struggle of our people for the democratic transformation of our country.

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