

For Six Month Period Ending April 30, 2009
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No.

Ethiopian People Revolutionary Party

4789

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

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4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Position Date connection ended

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Residence address Citizenship Position Date assumed

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Position or connection Date terminated

(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Residence address Citizenship Position Date assumed

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement?

Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?
 Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?
 Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

- (a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A ³	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit B ⁴	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

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See # 12 below

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

December 19, 2009 Fassika Bellette and Tegegne M. Aboye addressed EPRP members and supporters in Washington DC on the current situation of Ethiopia and the activities of the Party.

January 25, 2009 Fassika Bellette addressed the EPRP members and supporters in Philadelphia on the current political situation of Ethiopia and the activities of the Party.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
Nov. 2008	Members & supporters	Membership fee & contribution	3580.00
Dec. 2008	"	"	48,615.00
Jan. 2009	"	"	9,274.00
Feb. 2009	"	"	7,635.00
March, 2009	"	"	4,530.00
April, 2009	"	"	5,711.08
Total			80,345.08
			Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials¹²?
Yes No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Internet
- Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) Ethiopians

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Type or print name under each signature¹³)

5/25/09

Fassika Bellette

FASSIKA BELLETTE

5/25/09

Tegege M. Aboye

TEGEGE M. ABOYE

5/25/09

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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials – page 8 of Form NSD-2, formerly Form CRM-154 Supplemental Statement):

YES ✓ or NO _____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES ✓ or NO _____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

 Fassika Bellette
Signature

 05/26/09
Date

 FASSIKA BELLETTE
Please type or print name of
Signatory on the line above

 SPOKESPERSON
Title

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National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL
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SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Party

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Aboye	Tegegne M.	04/07/1993		
Bellette	Fassika	04/07/1993		
Taye	Fanta	04/07/1993		

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**Title and brief description of the Press Releases of
the EPRP**

1. Title: **Remembering the Martyrs, Condemning The Repression**
Date of Issue: November 24, 2008
Brief Description: The press release pays tribute to Ethiopians and EPRP members brutally killed by both the previous military regime of Mengistu Hailemariam and the current dictatorial regime of Meles Zenawi.

2. Title : **The Somali Debacle of the Meles Zenawi Regime**
Date Of Issue: January 19, 2009
Brief Description: In the wake of the withdrawal of Meles's troops from Somalia, the Press release reveals the dismal conditions that the invasion brought on the lives and well being of the Somalis and the exorbitant cost in terms of human lives and resources that Ethiopia had to incur.

3. Title: **Open letter to the European Union: Is Dictatorship Being Rewarded?**
Date of Issue: January 31, 2009
Brief Description: The Press release objects to the US\$ 329 million aid given by the European Union to the Meles Zenawi regime. It argues the fact that to give money to the dictatorial and corrupt regime of Meles Z enawi is tantamount to strengthening the dictatorship and padding the secret bank accounts of corrupt officials.

4. Title: **EPRP Condemns Defense Agreement between South Africa and the Meles Regime**
Date of Issue February 13, 2009

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Brief Description: The Press Release condemns the military agreement between the Meles regime and South Africa on the grounds that the agreement would be counter to the interest of the Ethiopian people and would hinder peace in the region.

5. **Title:** EPRP Denounces The Military Cooperation between Djibouti and the Meles Zenawi Regime.

Date of Issue: February 13, 2009

Brief Description: The Press Release condemns the Military cooperation between the government of Djibouti and Meles Zenawi regime which has brought massive repression on the Afar people of Ethiopia.

6. **Title:** March 8- International Women's Day : The Struggle of Ethiopian Women for their rights continue.

Date of Issue: March 8, 2009

Brief Description: On the occasion of International Women's day, the Press Release highlights the struggle of women for equal rights and status in Ethiopia and describes the despicable conditions that the Ethiopian women are forced to live in.

7. **Title:** Shame on Those Who Invite A Tyrant To their Table : By Way of An open letter to British PM Gordon Brown.

Date Of Issue: March 17, 2009

Brief Description: The Press Release objects to the invitation of Meles Zenawi to attend the G20 meeting held in London. It describes that inviting Meles Zenawi who is guilty of genocide, war crimes and gross human rights violations is unholy tolerance of a tyrant.

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Other Document.

Title: Ethiopia. The democratic Alternative (Problems and Prospects)

Date of Issue: January 2009

Brief Description: The document presents the EPRP's vision of a democratic path. It elaborates the EPRP's views and options concerning a democratic transition in Ethiopia.



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November 24/2008

REMEMBERING THE MARTYRS, CONDEMNING THE REPRESSION

November has had the saddening habit of being a month of death and grief in Ethiopia of recent times. Back in the Derg days we remember the summary execution of 60 people, the brutal killing of 23 young EPRP members and in November 2005 the savage slaying of more than 50 peaceful demonstrators by the Meles Zenawi regime.

All of the recent three regimes in Ethiopia have been characterized by the absence of the rule of law and the use of savage repression and force to maintain their rule. The military regime and its Red Terror can never be forgotten. The present regime has had its share of massacres and genocide and is presently engaged in atrocities both in Somali and in the Ogaden region of Ethiopia. Three years ago in November, its forces killed more than 50 peaceful dissenters who objected to the election fraud perpetrated by the regime. The Meles regime is holding in its dungeons and labor camps thousands of political prisoners. The independent press has been muzzled since then. The perpetrators of the violence that cost so many lives are still in power and continuing with their savage frenzy. The absence of the rule of law is the norm and the repression has not slackened.

Bekele Welde Giorgis, Mulugeta Sultan, Yitbarek Hizkias, Woubshet Reta, Zerbruk Abebe, and countless others martyrs during the Derg time are to be remembered along the hundreds of victims killed by the Meles Zenawi regime in the past few years. The EPRP continues to struggle for an end to the brutal regime and for justice to be done by bringing the criminals like Meles Zenawi to judgment. The thousands of political prisoners in Dedesam Bir Sheleko, Zwai and many other prisons must be released without delay and their tormentors punished legally. An end must be put to those who trample on the rule of law and who commit murder against the people at large.

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January 19, 2009

THE SOMALI DEBACLE OF THEMELES ZENAWI REGIME

The invading troops of Meles Zenawi have been forced to leave Somalia after two years of wreaking havoc and committing war crimes. The corrupt commander of the troops, the officer who was shaking down Mogadishu business men, that is to say, Gabre Yohannes, did try to put a brave face and to claim that the operation was a success and the mission “accomplished” bringing to mind yet another such claim that turned to be false elsewhere.

Meles Zenawi embarked on the Somali adventure to please a foreign power and in the process to reap political and financial benefits, which he has done in exchange for the blood of so many Ethiopians and Somalis. The stated mission of ousting and crushing the Islamic militia has failed totally as the hard line Haraka Al Shabab and other factions have emerged stronger than ever before and the transitional government is as weak as ever. The campaign to “capture” three or four alleged Al Qaeda operatives produced nothing. Somalia was thrown into more chaos than ever before and achieved no peace whatsoever; it did not get a central government. As the EPRP had said from the very beginning of the invasion, it was a blunder of big and costly proportions. That, two years after the invasion, the troops had to leave without any visible gain or achievement is proof of the disaster. The Meles regime gained political support for its action and was given military equipment and money as aid or to “train” Somali soldiers and police. The transitional government, a patched up body in the first place, was not able to take off or to stabilize. All the carnage was for nothing. Thousands died many more were displaced and forced to internal external exile. The Meles regime is responsible for the disaster and must be made to account for its war crimes in Somalia.

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Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP)

January 31, 2009

OPEN LETTER TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

IS DICTATORSHIP BEING REWARDED?

According to press reports the European Union has given the Meles Zenawi regime €251m (US\$329 million) in aid allegedly to boost development projects across the country. The agreement was signed on Thursday by the bloc's Director of Aid to sub-Saharan Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regions Gary Quince and the regime's Finance and Economic Development Minister Sufian Ahmed.

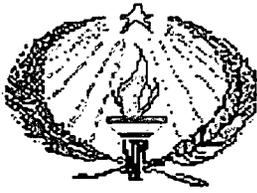
This is one more radical change from the EU position adopted in 2005 not to give aid to the repressive regime that swindled an election and murdered more than 200 people protesting the fraud. Since 2005, the Meles regime has not improved one but worsened as a hardened violator of the human rights of the Ethiopian people. More than 35,000 prisoners languish in the various known and secret jails, torture is routine, the free press is hounded and muzzled, repressive laws have been found to curtail, press freedom and restrict the activities of NGOs, the regime has committed war crimes in the Ogaden and in Somalia too. By all measures, the dictatorial regime of Meles Zenawi deserves condemnation and not rewards. As to the often repeated but hollow claim that the aid is given for development, it is common knowledge that Meles and his officials are wallowing in corruption, they divert financial and food aid and that they have embezzled the national treasury to the level that gold in the national bank has been substituted by gold painted lead. To give money to the repressive and corrupt regime means nothing but padding the secret bank accounts of the corrupt officials, and strengthening their repressive capacities. Unless the EU is rewarding the regime for its ill guided and disastrous adventure in Somalia there is no justification for the money that the EU is giving out to the enemy of the Ethiopian people.

The EPRP objects to the continuing EU measure of giving money to the Meles regime. The money does not help the Ethiopian people—it only strengthens the dictatorial regime.

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February 13/2009

EPRP CONDEMNS DEFENSE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE MELES REGIME

The defense ministers of South Africa and the Meles Zenawi regime have signed a memorandum of understanding in Addis Ababa. Defense Minister Charles Nqakula and his counterpart in Addis Ababa, Siraj Fergesa agreed that both countries would work towards developing procedures for military co-operation including the exchange and training of military personnel, instructors and observers and promoting technical co-operation. Co-operating in the field of military medical services, knowledge and training would also be on the agenda. The agreement is said to be motivated by their “commitment to support peace efforts on the continent under the auspices of the African Union”.

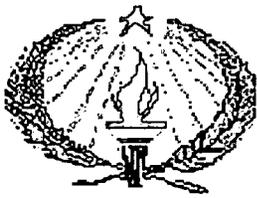
The EPRP strongly condemns this military agreement and calls on South Africa to end or abrogate it without any delay. Military pact of any sort with the dictatorial regime in Ethiopia is counter to the basic interest of the Ethiopian people and to the search for peace in the region as a whole. It is not possible to imagine that South Africa does not know the predatory nature of the Meles regime. its carnage in Somalia, its massacres inside Ethiopia itself. The EPRP is surprised at this move on the part of South Africa while the Ethiopian people had through the years given their full support to the struggle of the South African people against Apartheid. There is little or no justification for the military pact and all claims of an AU peace mission is sham as the AU peace mission has not up to now served the interest of the African peoples.

The EPRP calls on the government of South Africa to stop any military pact or cooperation with the anti people repressive regime of Meles Zenawi. The EPRP calls on all democratic forces in South Africa to support the struggle of the Ethiopian people and to raise their voice against this military agreement.

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February 13/2009

EPRP DENOUNCES THE MILITARY COOPERATION
BETWEEN DJIBOUTI AND THE MELES ZENAWI REGIME

The EPRP has over the years condemned the unholy alliance between Djibouti and the Meles Zenawi regime, an alliance that has worked against Ethiopian refugees and the interest of the people in the region. Omar Gelleh's dictatorial regime is presently waging war against the Afar in its land and in Ethiopia with the full cooperation of the Meles regime.

Recently a few hundred Djibouti youngsters selected mainly from the Issa ethnic group (of president Gelleh) have come to Awash Arba military training center to be given military training by Ethiopian special commando officers themselves trained by America special forces in Blattein. Reports also indicate that Gelleh's wife, Kadra Mahamoud Said, has also sent to Awash some Issa youths (Habr Awal clan) from self declared independent Somaliland. According to Djibouti, the Ethiopian trained youths are to be stationed at the Djibouti—Eritrea border but those in the know state that they will be deployed, since they are trained for counter insurgency operations, against the Afar rebels of the FRUD movement now battling in the North against the Gelleh regime. The Meles regime has given vast tracts of land to the Djibouti president and his family and closed its eyes when armed Issas have attacked Afars of Ethiopia to grab land.

In the past, the unholy alliance has led to the deportation of dozens of Ethiopian refugees back to Ethiopia and the carte blanche given to the Meles death squads to attack Ethiopian political exiles in Djibouti. The evident attempt by Meles to fan the Eritrean Djibouti rift holds in its fold the ongoing war mongering campaign of the regime in Addis Ababa as it destabilizes the Horn of Africa region as a whole. The interest of Ethiopia was not served and will not be served by the Meles-Gelleh alliance. On the contrary. This being the case the EPRP denounces the military cooperation between Meles and Gelleh against Afars in Ethiopia and Djibouti and against the interests and democratic aspirations of the two peoples.

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March 8, 2009

MARCH 8 - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

THE STRUGGLE OF ETHIOPIAN WOMEN FOR THEIR RIGHTS CONTINUES

Ethiopian women observe March 8, alas, not with cries of victory but with declarations and vows to continue the struggle for their basic and fundamental rights. Regime change in Ethiopia has not augured well for women seeking emancipation and empowerment, demagogy to the contrary by the ruling groups notwithstanding.

During the 1974 February Revolution, Ethiopian women rose up for their rights and called for real change. The totalitarian military regime that forcefully established itself massacred conscious women in its Red Terror campaign and opted for giving verbal recognition for the equality of women setting up its own satellite organization for women. The present regime has all the buzz words about the role of women in a society's drive for real change but has acted consciously against the struggle of women to achieve their rights. With this regime and its all inclusive bankrupt and cynical policies, women and the young have had to endure aggravated suffering and repression. The rights of women have been trampled upon in a serious way. Young women have been trafficked and sent to modern day slavery to the Middle East. Preteen girls have been turned into prostitutes. Harmful traditions are more or less in place barring the verbal occasional propaganda to the contrary. The spread of AIDS that the rotting and immoral system has favored has victimized more women than men. Attempts by women to have their relatively autonomous associations have

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been quashed. The overall repression that the existing regime relies on has meant women have become more victimized than ever before especially in the rural areas. The regime holds very many women political prisoners like Aberash Berta who has been disappeared for more than eight years now. The Meles regime's terror campaign in many places (Gambella, Ogaden, Gondar, Wollega, etc..) has victimized women and their children.

In Ethiopia, women are more than half the population but they are second class citizens in terms of rights. Basic demands for equal pay, equal opportunities, for equality are ignored. The EPRP has for the past 36 years struggled for the rights of women and will continue to do so till Ethiopian women achieve their rights primarily through their own conscious and organized struggle.

Victory to the struggle of Ethiopian women.



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SHAME ON THOSE WHO INVITE A TYRANT TO THEIR TABLE

(BY WAY OF AN OPEN LETTER TO BRITISH PM GORDON BROWN)

It is sad to learn that once again the tyrant in Ethiopia, the very man who has ordered so many massacres (Arba Gugu, Water, Adebabayes Iyesus, Gambella, Ogaden, etc), has been invited to London's next meeting of the G20. Prime Minister Gordon who vociferously calls for the arrest and trial of Sudan's Omar Beshir has apparently no qualms or moral restraint to invite a criminal tyrant like Meles Zenawi to London to take part in an international conference.

Whether the G20 deliberations would ever benefit the peoples of Africa is a matter left alone as the point of our message is that inviting tyrants and those who have committed war crimes to the deliberations is a shameful act in the first place. Meles Zenawi is guilty of genocide, war crimes and gross human rights violations. In Ethiopia, more than 5 million people need food aid, millions are impoverished, and lack of foreign currency and overall economic malaise has increased the unemployment rate. Corruption is rife and Meles and his wife are the top of the list of the most corrupt in the country. Inflation is worsening and food price increase has passed the 100% limit. In short, the reign of Meles Zenawi has proved a total disaster for Ethiopians of whom more than 35,000 are suffering in dungeons, labor camps and ghost prisons. Does all this make Meles Zenawi a proper guest for discussion on serious matters that ostensibly claim to have the interest of African peoples at heart?

The British government under former Prime Minister Tony Blair aided and abetted the repressive regime of Meles Zenawi. British trained and armed security personnel took part in the daylight murder of human rights activist and teacher Assefa Maru in Addis Ababa. The notorious security chief Kifle Gebre Medhin was trained by Britain. When Meles Zenawi lost the 2005 elections and massacred more than 200 people and jailed more than a hundred opposition leaders to crown his fraud neither Britain nor the EU imposed a serious ban on his regime. The latest invitation sent to Meles by Britain to attend the G20 meeting in London next month is nothing but a continuation of this unholy tolerance of a tyrant. We object to this very strongly and call on Ethiopians in the Diaspora to express their objection in all possible ways.

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