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United Oromo Evangelical Churches (UOEC)

Resolution UOEC No.01-22 Adopted on July 14, 2022

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow”; Isa 1:17).

Resolution: A Call to Stop War and Atrocities in Ethiopia

In the previous three years unprecedented atrocities, death, displacements, and destruction of properties have become daily occurrences in Ethiopia. Thousands were massacred in the war in Tigray. The state of Oromia was already under imposed military command rule even before the start of the war in Tigray. As a result of the imposed military rule, many Oromo children, women, and the elderly were massacred indiscriminately. Oromo youth those who were lucky to spare from death, would face imprisonment, and torture. Oromo farmers, residents of the areas under military command rule, their houses and crops would be burnt down to ashes. Business owners were forced to flee from their homes and businesses as a consequence of the ongoing war in Oromia. Recently, the government has launched a full-fledged war that has already claimed thousands of lives and destruction of enormous properties. Hence, the suffering and death of civilians in Oromia has reached its climax. The situation in Ethiopia since the current government came to power, has been deteriorating and now has reached the worst level in the history of the country. But, the international community and mainstream media outlets did not give the proper attention the situation deserves.

1. Learning that innocent Oromos are being killed by the government armed forces and thousands of soldiers are deployed in Oromia by the federal government of Ethiopia as of today;
2. Witnessing the bloodshed of ordinary Oromo citizens;
3. Being of aware of the government of Ethiopia is using “FANO”, the Amhara Paramilitary group to conduct a proxy war in Oromia;
4. Knowing that schools and health services are not effective due to the civil war in Ethiopia;
5. Realizing that the government opted to use war instead of roundtable political discussions;
6. Considering the absence of independent investigation of the crimes committed upon civilians;
7. Learning the living standard and cost of living for the oppressed peoples in Ethiopia has become unbearable;
8. Witnessing that Churches and Mosques are being burnt down by pro government forces; and
9. Taking in to account the UN decision regarding the conflicts in Ethiopia;



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After thoroughly discussing all of the above, in its convention on July 13 and 14, 2022, the UOEC council passed the following resolutions:

1. Calls upon the Ethiopian government and all warring parties to resolve their differences through negotiations;
2. Urges the Ethiopian government to lift the imposed military command post on Oromia;
3. Calls upon the Ethiopian government to release all political prisoners without any preconditions;
4. Urges the Ethiopian government to open space for an all inclusive political dialogue;
5. Urges the government of Ethiopia to accept request for independent investigation by neutral international bodies to hold the perpetrators of these crimes before justice;
6. Call upon all political parties including that of the government to play their roles in restoration of peace and security in the country;
7. Urge churches and other religious institutions in the country to refrain from taking sides;
8. Further, urges the Ethiopian religious leaders to play their reconciliatory roles to end the war and bring peace for the Ethiopian people;
9. Appeal to all churches around the world to join us in prayer for the restoration of peace and stability in Ethiopia;
10. Appeal to all humanitarian services to support the war affected area equally, particularly in Oromia;
11. Appeal to the International Community to pressure the Ethiopian government to choose dialogue rather than calling its citizens to endless internal war which may lead to more destruction and loss of lives; and
12. Calls upon international human right organizations to address and investigate the magnitude of humanitarian crises in all conflict-torn areas, not only certain places.

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