

Seattle Metropolitan Area

“*hzbawi meKete*” Resolutions

We, members of the Eritrean community in the Seattle Metro Area, have held an extraordinary public meeting appropriately dubbed as “*hzbawi meKete*” - this day of December 22, 2007 in Seattle and have unanimously **adopted the following resolutions:**

- Whereas some myriad of conspiracies have failed to crack the solid unity of our people and the strong bond that exists between the Eritrean people and its government;
- Whereas the GOE has been tactfully and patiently handling the unimplemented 2002 verdict of the so-called border conflict; and its on going correct and principled and persistent insistence of rejecting anything short of the verdicts full implementation;
- Whereas the international community especially the United Nations Security Council and the United States have repeatedly failed to adhere to their commitment as the guarantors of the Algiers peace agreement;
- Whereas Eritrea, in line with its core value of self-reliance, is embarked in a wide variety of national development campaign to secure its economic sustainability;
- Whereas the PFDJ and GOE have been playing a positive role in bringing peace and stability in the sub-region;
- Whereas the misguided US administration, following an unbelievably arrogant policy with historical proportions, has been exerting direct and indirect unjustifiable political and economic pressure on Eritrea;
- Whereas the US administration, following its unprecedented smear campaign against a law abiding Eritrea, is threatening to enlist Eritrea in what it calls a “State Sponsor of Terrorism”;
- Whereas the mercenary and vote rigging regime in Ethiopia, which finds itself confronted with many “Enemies” of its own making, is beating the war drums louder and faster than ever;

We resolve to:

- 1) Reassert our strong belief that there is no alternative mechanism in the way-overdue demarcation process to that given by the EEBC “Final and Binding” verdict.
- 2) We call upon the United Nations Security Council and the United States to adhere to their commitment as the guarantors of the peace agreement and shoulder their responsibility;
- 3) Reject the ill advised threat by the US Administration to enlist Eritrea as a state sponsor of terrorism, unbefitting of a nation that herself was and is the victim of; and which has demonstrated a courage to unilaterally fight international terrorism;
- 4) We call on the United States to drop its more than a half-century old and ill-conceived policy of marginalizing Eritrea and work instead with it for mutually beneficial outcome.

- 5) Commends the Front and GOE for the positive role they played and continue to play in helping settle the North – South Sudan crisis and the Eastern Sudan dispute; and we further applaud their relentless efforts in assisting the brotherly Darfur and the Somali peoples to solve their problems primarily by themselves.
- 6) Condemn all ill-conceived or contemplated designs to undermine the iron-clad unity of the Eritrean people and the strong bond that exists between them and their government.
- 7) Commend the “warsay – ykealo” development campaign by which vital infrastructure is being built with food security being as a top priority.
- 8) Rededicate our commitment to unequivocally support the exemplary and unparalleled sacrifices that is being endured by our Defense Forces.
- 9) Strongly denounce all threats of war by the TPLF-controlled Ethiopian regime; and let it be known of our commitment to fend off such threats in no nonsense manner.
- 10) Commending the efforts exerted by our hard working Government and its people; and impressed by many of the already achieved developmental projects in Eritrea; and as a token of our appreciation, we hereby pledge our financial contribution of USD 500 each towards such noble endeavors.

Eternal Glory to our Martyrs!
Glory to the gallant EDF!
wetru Awet nHafash!

Seattle, Saturday, December 22, 2007