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ERITREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY

EPDP Chairman Conducted an All-Party Meeting

On February 3, 2018, the chairman of the Eritrean Peoples' Democratic Party, Mr. Tesfamichael Yohanness, held a meeting with all party-members and extensively discussed a range of issues. The chairman underscored that the state of the party is strong because the members are strong and their commitment to the ideals of democracy are unwavering. He applauded the widespread awareness among party-members that the party's raison d'être is "to be the party of positive change," and towards that the party will focus and redouble its efforts on what matters most: ending the suffering of the people and bringing in the long-awaited democratic change in Eritrea.

In this session, members agreed that the party will:

- 1) Conduct a serious assessment of the intra-party developments that took place in the last two years and draw important lessons;
- 2) Exercise maximum restraint not to be entangled into unnecessary and unproductive attacks and counter-attacks;
- 3) Reach out to all members of the Eritrean opposition and collaborate in initiatives and projects that will further the cause of bringing democratic change;
- 4) Reaffirm its commitment to safe-guard the unity of the Eritrean people, the territorial integrity of the country, the supremacy of the rule of law, democracy and the importance of resolving conflicts through dialogues, reconciliation and rapprochement;
- 5) Strictly adhere to the guiding principle that the leadership is there to serve the party and its members and not the other way around; and that the highest authority within the party is the party's congress;
- 6) Conduct an extensive diplomatic outreach and pay particular attention to the plight of the youth and refugees.

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