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## The Seedling for Peace and Democracy in Eritrea Established

Today, Eritrea sadly finds itself in a precarious condition mainly due to the ruthless totalitarian rule of President Isaias Afwerki. Mismanaged for many years, it has never come out of a series of violent conflicts its leader has instigated. Consequently, the people of Eritrea have been forced to suffer from immense political, socio-economic demographic and security crises. Despite this, the people of Eritrea have never stopped resisting the PFDJ's brutal oppression. It is with all this in mind that a new movement, the Seedling for Peace and Democracy in Eritrea (SPDE), has been established, and has already started operating on the ground with the intention of uprooting the Isaias regime in Asmara.

The sole objective of the SPDE will be the salvation of Eritrea, thereby ushering a new era of peace, justice, freedom, democracy and development to all its citizens. Cognizant of the fact that this can only be realized after removing the regime first and then laying the groundwork for the establishment of an all-inclusive provisional government, the SPDE is committed to the realization of both with utmost urgency.

The SPDE has been established through the coordination and effort of individual activists, media outlets, civic groups and various political organizations both in Diaspora and Tigray. In a short period of time, the Movement has been able to emerge as a political force worth reckoning. This is a work in progress, and in time it intends to expand so as to include individuals and groups with divergent backgrounds and opinions.

The SPDE has also adopted a principled stand that it will work with all neighboring forces and peoples who share its vision and respect the national interest and integrity of the Eritrean nation. Against the backdrop of the genocidal war against the people of Tigray, the SPDE seeks maximum cooperation and coordination with the people of Tigray and its forces. It goes without saying that the SPDE strongly condemns the involvement of the Asmara regime in the genocidal war and all types of crimes it committed against the people of Tigray. It also expresses its readiness to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Tigray in their struggle until the illegal and inhumane siege is removed and their right for self-determination is recognized and respected.

Finally, we call upon all Eritreans to support, stand and strive along us for the realization of a free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic Eritrea.

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