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RESOLUTION OF THE THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE AFAR FORUM FRANKFURT, 27 - 28 JUNE 1992

IN DEFENSE OF AFAR UNITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION

The Afar Forum held its annual conference in Frankfurt, Germany. The conference was attended by delegates from Afar community in Europe, Scandinavian countries, North America and the Middle East. Representatives of Oromo Liberation Front (OLF), Movement of Ethiopian for Democracy and Peace Organization in Germany, Oromo Peoples Liberation Organization (OPLO) Ethiopian Democratic Party (EDP); Ethiopian Democratic Alliance, etc... voiced their support for Afar cause.

The two days conference discussed issues related to the current volatile situation in Ethiopia in general and that of the Afar question in particular. Particular attention was paid to the deteriorating state of law and order in the country. It is noted that the lack of conducive atmosphere in which election for the regional assembly could be held and the vulnerable character of stability put the future of the Afar nation in Ethiopia at stake. The reason to this state of affairs is the lack a proper guidelines in national politics and the unholy alliance between the EPLF and the EPDRF which aim to impose its hegemony in the region, through the policy of divide and rule.

The Afar Forum adheres to the principle of Afar unity and democracy which was spelled out at the Afar national Conference in Aysayta, December last year and adopts the following resolutions at its third conference:

- adheres to the principle of self-determination to every nation and nationality in Ethiopia.
- believes on the principle of the Afar national unity and territorial integrity.
- can not condone the arbitrary division of the Afar nation into Ethiopia and Eritrea.
- insists on creating conducive environment for democratic and fair election of regional assembly.
- denounces the practice of authoritarian rule in the Afarland by the EPLF and EPDRF.
- denounces the attempt to hold in abeyance the democratic process in the Afarland

The Afar Forum believes the guarantor for equality, peace, democracy and unity, can only be achieved when all nations and nationalities actively participate to determine their own future. The Afar Forum appeals to the European Community, the United States, the Arab Countries, the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations and all democratic forces to consider the just solution of the Afar people in order to achieve durable peace and stability in the Horn of Africa.

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