

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 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 regime in Ethiopia encouraged by the US Administration and by the generally nonchalant attitude shown by the international community, continues to obstruct the implementation of the EEBC verdict,
- Whereas the TPLF’s intimidation of the GOE and its futile attempt to create division between the Eritrean people and its government continues,
- Whereas the GOE successful drive of the “Warsay-Yekeallo” development campaign shows signs of measurable progress; and whereas our Defense Forces continued those effort to the defense and development of their country simultaneously with amazing results,

We, thus, resolve to:

- 1) Reassert our strong belief that there is no alternative mechanism in the 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 commitments of being guarantors of the peace agreement and must shoulder their responsibility;
- 3) Reject the ill advised threat by the US Administration to enlist Eritrea as a state sponsor of terrorism, unbecoming 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 Eritrea directly for mutually beneficial outcome.
- 5) Commends the GOE for the positive role it played and continues to play in helping settle some of the Horn region issues in general and those political problems that our brotherly people of the Sudan and Somalia face.
- 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 at a top priority.
- 8) Rededicate our commitment to unequivocally support the exemplary and unparalleled sacrifices that are being endured by our Defense Forces to achieve the dual mission of defending and developing Eritrea - all at the same time.

- 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 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!
Awet nHafash!

Seattle, Saturday, December 22, 2007