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Military Council of Tigray peace force

Statement Issued in Response to the Decision of the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia Regarding Tigray's Constitutional Sovereignty

As a popular force fighting for systemic change in Tigray, the most important issue motivating us is the collective existential security of the people of Tigray. We believe that this existential security cannot be guaranteed without respect for territorial sovereignty.

Ensuring Tigray's existential security is a cause for which we have fought for generations. Our forefathers paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve this cherished heritage.

As a movement, our principal goal is to bring about enduring peace rooted in systemic change. We strongly condemn the decision by the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia, allegedly based on a decision by the House of Federation, regarding the sovereign fate of electoral districts such as Humera and Adi Remets (Western Tigray); Tselemti (North Western Tigray); and Korem, Ofla, and Alamata (South Tigray).

Elections serve as a democratic mechanism to ensure the right to self-determination and self-administration. The decision by the Electoral Board dangerously runs counter to this principle.

All Tigrayans, irrespective of political differences, must unite and struggle peacefully in the political arena to safeguard our sovereignty.

We call upon the relevant federal authorities to rectify this gross miscarriage of justice without delay, recognizing that the decision violates the Pretoria Agreement and is bound to jeopardize the federation's peace.

We reiterate that Tigray's territorial sovereignty is a red line. In light of this, we call upon our friends, allies, and members of the Tigray Peace Force to continue their steadfast support.

Eternal glory to all our martyrs who paid the ultimate price for Tigray's sovereignty.

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