

Global Initiative to Empower Eritrean Grassroots Movement (GI)

**PRESS RELEASE**

In Support of the Vibrant Peoples Yiakl Movement and  
Eritrean Reconciliation Forum for Justice Minnesota

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As we begin a new decade and a new year our Country Eritrea and our people are under the yoke of the tyrannical regime in Asmara with renewed intrigues and conspiracies of the so called “peace agreement” with Ethiopia. The regime is strangling our nation and its people with its barbaric polices. A nation governed by the whims of one man is moving from no war no peace to secretive and hidden projects in the name of “peace and medemer”. The one man dominated regime is compromising the hard won national sovereignty and emptying the nation of its people. Patriotic Eritreans in general and the Eritrean Youth in particular are rising to save the national sovereignty by declaring Yiakl/Enough/Kifaya to the tyrannical and treasonous one man dominated regime.

The year 2019 was a remarkable year of struggle for salvation, freedom and justice. Eritreans in the diaspora are rising and mobilizing with vigor and enthusiasm to remove the regime and to protect Eritrean Sovereignty by transitioning Eritrea into constitutional democracy. The vibrant Peoples Yiakl Movement in the Diaspora and the emerging Fenkil Movement inside Eritrea are emboldening Eritreans inside and outside Eritrea and transformed the resistance movement to a higher level.

After successful mobilization of all sectors of Eritrean society, the Peoples Yiakl Movement has embarked on organizing Eritreans on a Local and Country levels. Local and Country wide Assemblies/Baitos have mushroomed in various countries in the United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, Sweden, Denmark and other European Countries. The Countrywide Baitos have enacted organizational programs, organizational structures and bylaws for their respective Baitos. Moreover, the countrywide Baitos are in consultation among themselves to coordinate their activities and to establish a worldwide Hizbawi Maebel for the salvation of Eritrean Sovereignty and for achieving freedom and justice in Eritrea.

The noble experience of mobilizing and organizing had faced formidable challenges. As a new experience all over the world, it has to face multiple obstacles and grow organically using the dynamic and rich resources of the Eritrean youth, women and intellectuals from all walks of Life. Bringing all citizens from diverse background and multiple generations and deliberating effectively to enact programs and action plans is not an easy task. No doubt, the learning curve requires time, effort and dedication from all participants. As a combined effort of all dedicated activists, and as a result of intensive discussions, hot deliberations, and constructive criticisms the challenges have been met and the Peoples Yeakil Movement is on a solid ground. It is moving to the next level of worldwide Hizbawi Maebel and preparing itself for a concerted strategic activities and effective action to implement its programs. As a triumphant movement, it

has a huge opportunity and responsibility to unite the diverse Eritrean Diaspora for a singular objective of Eritrean Salvation and democratic transition.

GI salutes the dedication and tremendous efforts of all citizen activists (who hail from different political, civic and community background) members of each and every local Baito and their elected representatives. The local Baitos all over the world are the source and the legitimate owners of the Peoples Yiakel Movement. Elected representatives are servants of the local Baitos similar to QUADERE and other officers of a typical Eritrean Village/Adi/Ad/Are.

In the spirit of our cherished tradition and civic culture of all Eritrean society, we call upon all Eritreans fighting for justice in the Diaspora to actively participate in their respective local baitos and elect their representatives to the nationwide Baito and engage themselves in all activities of the Yeakl Movement.

GI salutes the timely and important initiative of TempoAfric – Meadi Zete Minnesota Conference that established Eritrean Reconciliation Forum for Justice Minnesota. ERFJM has invited Justices seeking Eritrean political organizations, civic organizations, peoples Yiakl movements and study groups. We hope the planned Zoom meeting of representatives of all justice-seeking Eritreans, world-wide will result on a consensus on the best course of action that will end dictatorship in our beloved country, Eritrea

To our best understanding, the objective of this forum is to create a platform that will allow representatives of all Eritrean justice seekers to have an open dialogue to arrive at the most effective approach to end dictatorship in our country and transition to constitutional democratic governance.

GI expects all participants to come prepared with their respective party's or group's idea on the best course of action from their respective views. It is our hope that there will be an open and frank discussion, with an open mind, exploring the best course of action.

### **GI's Position**

Members of GI will participate with an open mind to learn from what others have to say and we hope we will find a uniting strategy that we all will be happy to adopt. From our end, we trust the participants of the conference will agree on the following:

1. The need to form legitimate global representatives that will be formed with full and active participation of all the various constituent justice-seeking Eritrean groups.
2. The best approach to form legitimate global representatives is the Peoples Yiakl Movement. As a bottom-up grassroots movement, it will pave the way for all Eritrean justice-seekers to participate in their respective localities. We are fully supportive of the Yeakle movement that is going on all over the world with the understanding that members of political parties, civic organizations and others will participate in establishing their Baitos and electing their local representatives. Once, local Baitos are formed and local representatives are elected, the next step is the election of country-wide representatives, from among the locally elected representatives. The ultimate next step is

the election of global representatives at a global conference of all the country-wide representatives.

3. The organizers should make a concerted and extensive effort to reach out to all Eritrean justice-seekers in the given area using all possible means of communication: radio, websites, literature, phone call, personal communication, etc. Notices of the meeting should be posted in places frequented by Eritreans, such as Mosques, Churches, Community Centers, Restaurants, etc. in various languages. Special effort must be made to reach out to all Eritrean ethnic groups, religious leaders, prominent activists, women, etc.
4. In conducting meetings it is important to have translators available to assist attendees of the meeting.
5. The issue of promoting diversity: In electing representatives, care should be made to make sure that elected representatives are from all sectors of the Eritrean society in terms of region, religion, gender and age to the extent possible while making sure that the elected representatives have the requisite capacity in terms of caliber, awareness, experience, dedication and integrity.

It is our strong belief that all the invited group representatives will attend the January 25, 2020 Meeting of Eritrean Reconciliation Forum for Justice Minnesota (ERFJM) and deliberate constructively to unite all Eritrean for the salvation of Eritrea and our people.

### **Victory to Eritrean People's Yiakl Movement**

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