

The Amhara and Oromo Political Parties Common Political Position

The Amhara and Oromo political parties and intellectuals have been in a continuous political dialogue since December 2019 regarding diverse political issues and the relationship between the two peoples. At various conferences as well as at meetings among the leaders of the parties, they conducted a regular exchange of views on outstanding political issues concerning the two groups and regarding the ongoing political transition in Ethiopia. Considering the changing situation in the country, both sides recognized the demand for increased dialogue and consultation between the two peoples is greater than ever before. Having held several engagements in this regard, both sides have agreed on the following common political positions:

1. Conducting a comprehensive and an all-inclusive national dialogue remains critical in order to resolve recurrent political crises in the country.
2. Refrain from mistrust, division, antagonism, marginalization, defamation and any political activities that trigger hostilities and further antagonism in the general public.
3. Reaffirm the need to have a nationwide census of the population of all nations and nationalities in Ethiopia with credible and internationally acceptable standards and procedures, so that grave mistakes of the past census are rectified and avoided.
4. Build a democratic system in the country, promote individual and group rights in-tandem, and conduct peaceful, just, free and fair elections at all levels.
5. Bring together historians and intellectuals from all nations and nationalities to undertake comprehensive studies on the history of the country based on the three pillars of the ancient, medieval and modern eras as well as the people-to-people relations of the country and to this effect establish an Institute of Nationalities in the country.
6. Ensure the safety and security as well as legal rights of all residents in Oromia and Amhara regions.
7. Promote peace and security and ensure the rule of law across the country including the reintegration of displaced peoples to their areas and their livelihoods.
8. The constitution of the country needs to be reviewed and improved through an inclusive process and participation of the peoples of Ethiopia.
9. Ensure sustainable and equitable economic development, wealth distribution and just use of resources among the peoples of Ethiopia.
10. Organize various projects that promote and strengthen people-to-people relations.

The parties held extensive consultations on a number of issues of serious concern. They confirm that all issues raised above are mutually agreed with full consensus. Moreover, they are jointly proposing all other issues that concern all people of Ethiopia and the national agenda to be addressed in a thorough discussion that includes the whole of the society. Finally, both sides express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the facilitators of the dialogue process for accomplishing their tasks tirelessly and independently, enabling them to reach today's historic agreement.

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Oromo Political Parties	Amhara Political Parties
1. Oromo Liberation Front	1. National Movement of Amhara
2. Oromia National Party	2. All Amhara People's Party
3. Oromo Federalist Congress	3. Amhara Survival for Ethiopia's Unity Organization
4. Oromo Liberation Front- United	4. Amhara Democratic Force Movement
5. Prosperity Party -Oromia Branch	5. Netsebirake Amhara Dirijit
	6. All Amhara People's Organization
	7. Prosperity Party -Amhara Branch