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PETITION

To: CHUBB Insurance Group
The lead underwriter on the account for Ethiopian Airlines and Swiss Re Group co-insurer of Ethiopian Airlines

Petition organized by: The Security and Justice Committee for Tigrayans, Canada (SJTC)

Objective: Appeal: To put a stop to the Ethiopian Airline's practice of transporting military equipment and personnel of the federal government of Ethiopia to be used in perpetrating genocide against the Tigrayan People.

Introduction

The SJTC is a humanitarian organization of Canadians of Tigray origin with the objective of advocating the security and justice of all Tigrayans throughout the world where security and justice is denied to Tigrayans because of their ethnic identity.

Objective:

- **We appeal to your good offices to help us stop what has become the most brutal atrocities against an ethnic group in this 21st century. We urgently call upon all persons and organizations of conscience in Canada and around the world to help us put a stop to the dire situation under which untold number of Tigrayans currently find themselves. We ask CHUBB and Swiss Re Group to join us in:**

Demanding the immediate end of Ethiopian Airlines practices of transporting military equipment and personnel for the federal government of Ethiopia when their real purpose is to provide service as a civilian and commercial airline.

Background:

- Tigray is one of the regional States that form the Federal Government of Ethiopia and is located in the Northern part of the Country. For the last 11 months the Federal Government of Ethiopia has been conducting a war of annihilation of the people of Tigray simply because the Tigray Regional State refused to join the newly established unitary government desiring to abolish the Federal System and the right to self determination.

As Tigrayans by origin, we are gravely concerned about our families in the region as well as the future of Tigray which, if the genocide is not stopped could be a major destabilization factor for the

whole region and all the neighbouring States. Our role, as an organization established to advocate for the

- safety and security of Tigrayans becomes more crucial every day since the federal government of Ethiopia has further expanded its campaign of targeting Tigrayans with illegal arrests, dismissing them from their jobs, freezing their bank accounts, conducting indiscriminate bombing, and ignoring the systematic raping of girls and women as stated above. Rampant looting of livestock and the burning of crops indicate a deliberate objective of crippling and destroying the Tigrayan economy.

The Government, in its genocidal activities has engaged several government and private institutes one of them being the Ethiopian Airlines, considered a leading Airline in Africa. Ethiopian Airlines like other several government and private institutes based in the country has, in effect, become an enabler of the Tigray Genocide by actively and openly transporting war supplies and personnel, effectively acting as one of the Ethiopian defence establishments, practically endangering the lives of its passengers and the safety of its flight operation, in general against international practices

The Issue:

- The Government of Ethiopia with the support of Eritrea and other dictators in the Horn of Africa declared a war of extermination the kind of which the world has not experienced in recent memory. As a result, the United Nations Security Council has already met ten times to condemn Ethiopia and to try and compel it to curtail its genocidal activities. However, although eighty percent (80%) of the members of the Security Council want to take concrete action under the international community, their effort could not succeed because of the way the Security Council is organized and anyone of the five veto holders could stop any action from being taken.
- The inaction by the international community has emboldened Ethiopia to expand its heinous campaign which include:
 - i) the systematic gang rape of women as young as four-year-old and women aged 65 years;
 - ii) burn down villages and crops on the field,
 - iii) extrajudicial murder of innocent civilians in the most heinous and barbaric manner; (e.g., burning their bodies, cutting limbs, gorging eyes, throwing them into a raging river while they are alive);
 - iv) stealing or slaughtering animals that are the mainstay of the rural livelihood which accounts for 85% of the population. The atrocities are unprecedented in their severity and viciousness that credible media reports have said it was humanly impossible to fathom the level of cruelty of the perpetrators

•With respect to the resulting loss of life and economic welfare of Tigrayan and its people, we have already petitioned the Canadian government, civil society, and the international community to urge the government of Ethiopia to:

- 1) stop the arbitrary imprisonment of Tigrayans immediately;
- 2) guarantee the release and safe return of Tigrayans currently incarcerated;
- 3) ensure that the human rights of girls, women, and children are respected under international law.

Regarding Ethiopian Airlines:

- In order to continue its genocidal campaign with impunity, the Government of Ethiopia is making use of national institutions, such as the Ethiopian Airlines, once recognized as a leading African Airline. Ethiopian Airlines, like other several government and public institutions in the country has, in effect, become an extension of the Tigray genocide machinery as it continues to actively and openly transport war materials and personnel, playing the role of the defence establishment, in total disregard of the safety of its own passengers, its own crew and in violation of international aviation laws.
- Through this petition, we are appealing to **CHUBB Insurance Group, Swiss Re Group, and Aircraft-Leasing Companies to intervene and demand that the Ethiopian Airline stop the practice of transporting military equipment and personnel to Tigray on behalf of the Ethiopian government.**
- Needless to say, the current activities of the airline go against its real purpose which is to provide service as a civilian and commercial airline. In fact, the active participation of the airline in the war effort is likely to endanger the safety of the airline. <https://actualcontrol.substack.com/p/journey-to-mekelle-ethiopian-airlines> .

Obviously, ignoring the concerns of many of its customers including our appeal asking it to stop its unsafe practices would leave us with no choice but to consider the airline to be complicit and contributing to genocide, endless bloodshed and extermination of ethnic Tigrayans, the very people who brought civilization to Ethiopia through the development of written language, the Christian and Islamic religion and practically over 90 percent of Ethiopia's ancient history.

We need your support in what is daily becoming one of the most brutal attacks on an ethnic group in this 21st century. We urgently appeal to all persons and organizations of conscience in Canada and around the world to help us put a stop to the dire situation untold numbers of Tigrayans currently find themselves in, and ask CHUBB and Swiss Re Group to join us in:

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We thank you for your support and solidarity.

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