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## Open Letter

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President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi and Pope Tawadros II of Alexandria  
C/O Embassy of Egypt in Washington DC, United States

3521 International Ct. N.W., Washington D.C. 20008,  
United States  
VIA Certified mail , email and Fax

Re: Ethiopian Nile Dam Project and the Development of The Amhara Region, the Source of Blue Nile

**Peace Vs War -Egypt forfeiting it's "Blue Nile Water gift rights" from God and Ethiopia.**

Dear President el-Sisi and Pope Tawadros II of Alexandria:

I am writing to you on behalf of an organization comprised of Ethiopian-American citizens who are now residing in the United States of America. We are all college educated professionals—doctors, engineers, and scientists—and we belong to various religious faiths. We are reaching out to you not to advocate for any particular religion or sect but to advocate for peace and for mutual respect. We are writing today in the hope that we can convince you to choose friendship rather than war, and we encourage you to listen to the facts presented by those on the other side of the table.

Your serious comments (i.e., “all options on the table” and “the real issues”) about the relationship between your government and the Ethiopian government has prompted this letter. In light of the current predicament, we, the Ethiopian-American diaspora living in the US, formed an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization in the state of Washington. The organization is called FTH-Ethiopia.org, and we are writing this open letter to promote stability in the fragile Blue Nile River area and in the fertile Amhara Regional State in Ethiopia.

Our worries stem from the recent failed negotiations between Egypt and Ethiopia. We have heard rumor that Egypt may undertake a military strike against the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam. Such a forceful measure would demolish the fragile of East African Countries peace, with dire consequences to all countries involved in such crimes against Ethiopia. We believe that there is a solution that would allow Egypt, Sudan, and Ethiopia to share the Nile—which the Blue Nile can feed with upwards of 50% of its future water and 50% can be used in Ethiopia to feed its growing population moving and develop the Amhara region of Ethiopia, which has been sabotage for centuries due to Blue Nile curse. The water of the Nile is a gift, but it is fragile ecosystem deteriorating rapidly.

We, the Ethiopian-American diaspora living in the US, would like to have a science-based discussion with the peoples of Egypt and the world. That discussion begins with a brief expository introduction to the problems facing the Blue Nile ecosystem, which is getting more fragile and deteriorating for a variety of reasons, including the following:



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1. For the past 50-65 years, most of Ethiopia has been embroiled in civil war caused by bad governance at the hands of the former Egyptian and Sudanese governments. That civil war reduced development opportunities for Ethiopia, especially in the area around the origin of the Blue Nile River, in the Amhara Regional State. The former Egyptian and Sudanese governments played a major role, directly or indirectly, in supporting groups that caused wide-spread destruction, ethnic cleansing, and genocide against Ethiopians and that effected the fraudulent independence of Eritrea.
2. Ethiopia became a landlocked country by blindly supporting the Eritrean Liberation Front and then supporting the Eritrean annexation under the Egyptian UN secretary. At the time, Ethiopia had no legitimate government, only a transitional figure in President Meles Zenawi, the chairman of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which the former Sudanese government subsidized, trained, and armed. That group waged an ethnic war against the Amhara people of Ethiopia, mainly near the origin of the Blue Nile. We have evidence that more than 9 million Amharan people have disappeared over the last 27 years.
3. Due to that civil war, the people of Ethiopia were unable to develop, irrigate, farm, and plant trees in the region around the origin of the Blue Nile. Instead, the people cut trees for firewood and destroyed the ecosystem. Land that was fertile 20 years ago has become arid. Trees that were more than 500 years old were burned to cook meals.
4. More than 34 million people live near the shores of the Nile River, and many of those people believe that Blue Nile River is more of a curse than a blessing because the river carries their fertile soil to a foreign land that wishes them harm, directly and indirectly. The truth is, however, that the people of Ethiopia share their precious water not out of fear but out of generosity. Ethiopians believe that our Abyssinian forebears share a lineage with the Egyptian pharaohs, as evidenced by the fact that most of the pharaohs' names are Ge'ez in origin and are similar to our Amharic names. We also believe that DNA testing may one day prove that Ethiopians and Egyptians are cousins. We suggest comparing the DNA profile of one of your pharaohs with the DNA profiles of Ethiopian King Tewodros (DNA hair can be found in London, England, Gonder, Ethiopia), King Yohannes (DNA- head of King Yohannes can be found in Khartoum, Sudan, Humera-Gonder, Ethiopia), King Menelik and King Haile Selassie (DNA can be found in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia).

Additionally, the Ethiopian people take exception to the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam government-to-government agreement because it should not have been signed without the approval of the government of the Amhara Regional State. The Blue Nile originates in the Amhara Regional State, and it is incomprehensible that they were not consulted during the signing process. Here are some other facts that should have been considered more carefully during the negotiation phase:





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1. The population of Ethiopia is growing, and the consciousness of the people is rising. Poverty drives the people to use, and often to destroy, their surrounding resources for survival. Thus far, they have not been able to use the Blue Nile for food, water, or commercial farming due to the policies of other countries, which are damaging to our people.
2. Like Egypt, the majority of the population of the Amhara Regional State is under the age of 35. Those young people sincerely believe that the former governments of Egypt and Sudan created the ongoing ethnic and religious animosity toward Ethiopia. The lives of these young people have been destroyed by ethnic strife, civil war, and psychopath leaders like Esiyas Afworki of the EPLF and Meles Zenawi of the TPLF swear to defragment Ethiopia and called the Amhara Ethnic enemy on their organization manifesto that was drafted in Sudan. These are terrorist organizations created, organized, trained, and armed in Sudan by your former Egyptian president and by the former Sudanese president.
3. Climate change is ravaging the world. The annual rainy season has decreased by 14% to 21% in Ethiopia, one-third of our country is turning into desert, mountain streams are drying up, and once-fertile soil is turning into sand. That all spells doom for the head, the body, and the tail of the Blue Nile River.

Egypt is also facing some serious challenges, including all of the following:

1. Colonization treaties of "Lion's share" would never have been accepted by modern world, let alone by Africans, let alone by a country like Ethiopia, which was never colonized and which defeated colonizers. The British colonization of Africa was a great historical evil, and the next generations of Egyptians must create fair and equitable water-use agreements both dams for electric and dams for irrigation for food. They must not take the Nile for granted and should not assume that it will always exist for their use. It is a fragile river that originates in Ethiopia, and it could dry up one day, as one-third of the rivers in the world are expected to do.
2. The Egyptian government is unable to see how climate change is impacting Ethiopian mountain streams, which are the source of the Blue Nile River. The sad truth is that climate change is reducing the amount of water Ethiopia and Sudan have for drinking and for the creation of hydro-electric power.
3. The population of Egypt is growing more rapidly than other countries in Africa and in the League of Arab States.
4. For the past 60 years, the Egyptian government has used the Nile's water unwisely and without concern for the future. That includes growing crops that consume excessive amounts of water.
5. Roughly 28% to 34% of the Nile water flows to the Mediterranean Sea, wasted.



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6. Egypt has abundant of resources that have never been tapped.
7. Dated modes of thinking created the civil war in Ethiopia. Hardliner religious and ethnic-minded psychopathic leaders, who claim to be Yemeni Arabs rather than Abyssinians (e.g., the Eritrean president, former Ethiopian prime minister Meles Zenawi, and Jawar Mohamed of the OLF), have waged war against the people of Ethiopia. Numerous strategic policy documents written by former leaders like Egypt's President Mubarak and President Omar Hasan Ahmad al Bashir have proven the truth of that claim.

President el-Sisi, Your Excellency, if you choose to destroy the dam that our poor nation is for using to sustain itself, you will create a regional war, you will make Ethiopia as destabilized as Syria, and you will create problems for Egypt and Sudan. Additionally, the world will not side with you as you become a new colonizer in Africa.

If Egypt try to destroy this dam, it forfeits all the gifts of Blue Nile of Ethiopia and should not deserve a drop of Blue Nile water and The 72 million youths in Ethiopia might employ every force to reroute small and large rivers to drought-ravaged regions of Ethiopia, creating humanmade lakes in every corner of Ethiopia or destroy all trees and the six mountains that creates the rains so such curse rivers dry for ever, the future generation of so Ethiopia in the Amhara region will live in peace .

Your Excellency, rather than choosing the option of war, we ask you to consider other, better options. You may have the military power, but most of the Nile's water originates in Ethiopia. We ask Your Excellency to preemptively address the following issues, which would effect fairer water-use agreements in the future:

1. We ask you to work together with people of Sudan and Ethiopia, specifically the Amhara Reginal State government, to craft a new, fairer agreement, without the presence of former masters and with the understanding that the Nile largely originates in Ethiopia. We believe that it would be sensible for your government to make an offer to buy the Blue Nile from the Amhara Reginal State, the way that the United States purchased the state of Alaska from Russia.
2. We implore you to find a mutually beneficial solution to climate change in Ethiopia, especially in the Amhara Regional State. The body of the Blue Nile has been severely affected for the last 10 years, and the land and the mountain rivers are dying up. People in this area must walk upwards of 12 hours to get drinking water, most wild animals have perished, and native trees have been cut down or burned.
3. The population of Egypt is growing faster than any other country in Africa or the Middle East due, in part, to polygamy under Sharia law. We ask that you make plans to mitigate the dangers posed by that growth.





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4. Experts conservatively estimate that 28% to 34% of the Nile River's freshwater flows from Egypt and into Mediterranean Sea. We encourage your country you create a humanmade sea. We encourage you to create a new city using that Nile water now, before the Blue Nile River runs dry.
5. We believe that the Egyptian pharaohs are the direct decedents of the Abyssinians. The ancient Egyptians used the Nile River to build the great pyramids through laws of basic water science and gravity. but they put all of their eggs on one basket ,for the next life. New Egyptian generations should turn to sea water and to the sun to power your country.

We give you these gifts of our vision for peace and prosperity because we choose to see Egypt as a young sister. The Amhara Kings of Abyssinia sheltered the original believers of Islam and placed the foundation stone for Christianity in Africa . We can enjoin you to think of us as family as well. Please, for the sake of both of our peoples, choose to accept our offer of friendship in advancement . Future generations will sing your praises.

Respectfully,

  
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