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OPEN LETTER TO CHINA- President Xi Jinping

Dear President Xi Jinping:

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 sustainable investment and friendship rather than to precipitate civil war in Ethiopia by continuing to support one ethnic group over another. We encourage you to listen to the facts presented by those on the other side of the table.

Over the past twenty years, China has poured billions of dollars of aid investment into Ethiopia, but 90% of that money has gone almost exclusively to Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) leaders, the most dangerous warlords in Africa, who possibly possess biological and chemical weapons purchased with military aid from Muammar Kaddafi and Saddam Hussein and advanced weaponry purchased from the US, the UK, Russia, and China.

President Xi, your country has a “one China, one nation” policy, but intentional support of the TPLF's secession and self-determination will cause Ethiopia to disintegrate, and the poor people of Ethiopia will suffer tremendously as a result. You recently met with WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, one of the founders of the TPLF, about the COVID-19 pandemic. Director-General Dr. Tedros praised China in the hope of winning more support from your country in his efforts to promote TPLF secession from Ethiopia. In his capacity as director-general, Dr. Tedros promised to protect powerless people all over the world, but only his cronies in the TPLF—including Ethiopia Airlines' CEO Tewolde GebreMariam, another TPLF founder—benefit from international aid meant to help those suffering from COVID-19, just as they benefited from the aid money redirected from our battles against HIV/AIDS and malaria. Over the past twelve years, the TPLF has stolen more than \$12 billion in international aid meant for the Amhara people.



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We implore you, President Xi, to stop networking with groups such as the TPLF. China has been an accessory to money laundering, ethnic cleansing, and genocide against the Amhara people, and the atrocities will only worsen unless China removes its support. Such ethnic-based support of secession in our poor country not only endangers your own one-China principle of sovereignty, but it will also not yield a good return on your investment because it is likely to spark a civil war in one or more poor nations in Africa. Undertaking such measures to stop warlords from controlling Ethiopia will reduce the possibility that the people of Ethiopia will eventually turn their backs to China, the way that they did to the US.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Respectfully,

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President, FTH Ethiopia