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Statement of Uniting Eritrean Voices in Germany e.V. Regarding the War in Ethiopia

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Since the beginning of the war in Tigray on November 4th, 2020 between the forces of Federal government of Ethiopia and the Tigray Regional Government Forces, thousands have died and many more have fled their homes. Horrific stories of looting and rapes are being corroborated by international media outlets, International NGOs, as well as by eyewitness accounts.

Uniting Eritrean Voices in Germany-UEVG e.V. is deeply concerned about the tens of thousands of Eritrean refugees who have fled their country seeking safety and better life have been caught up in the middle of this chaos and fell prey to the crossfires. Many reports are coming out of the killings and abductions on Eritrean refugees residing in UNHCR sponsored refugee camps in Tigray.

As members of the Uniting Eritreans Voices in Germany, UEVG e.V. we strongly condemn the warmongering manifested by all parties involved in the bloodshed, we specifically condemn the meddling and involvement of the unelected illegitimate Eritrean „government“ of Isaias Afwerki in the war in Tigray.

As UEVG members, we would like to call upon the rival political factions in Ethiopia to come to terms and give fresh chance to peacefully negotiating their differences. It is in the interest of the peoples of the whole region to realize stability through coexistence, multipartyism and democratic governance. Furthermore, we call upon all regional, national and international actors to exert the necessary political and diplomatic pressure to bring the fighting factions in Ethiopia to negotiation table so that an amicably peace and stability can prevail.

We plead to the international community to take a swift action to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Eritrean refugees in Tigray, considering the frequent reports confirmed by the UNHCR that crimes have been committed upon the Eritrean refugee community in the different refugee camps including extrajudicial killings and forced return to Eritrea.

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