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REPLY TO AFAR FORUM STATEMENT

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The whole background to why the August 28th,2014, Demonstration is expounded in details in a long thread of articles, documents and most importantly that were exchanged among the different members of the Afar-Google- Group, (Afar Network). Those 27 exchanges are mostly written in Afar Af, Afar language, our mother tongue. My formal reply is in the same language and the same thread and it is already posted at the same Afar Network.

In Your Statement, you categorically denied Afar Forum's participation in the Demonstration held on 28 August 2014 in Brussels, in front of the Ethiopian Embassy, in any capacity formally or informally. You were also deliberately accused me of fabricating malicious news, and you described my Announcement posted at the Afar Network as "baseless and unfounded". Again, you claimed that Afar Forum has been writing on Afar and Issa conflict for the twelve years to find a lasting solution to the conflict. You contradicting yourself in your Advocacy Statement made wrongly and misleadingly. Firstly, you acknowledged in the same Statement that your members took part in this demonstration as individuals, including yourself and the Chairman of the Afar Forum, Nouman Moussa.

You and Afar Forum President Nouman Moussa insisted, without asking you, to enter Ethiopian Embassy with me, to meet with Ethiopian Embassy Officials, to hand over our statement and attached documents in support of our just cause and democratic rights. At the Embassy, You and Your Chairman introduced yourselves as the Chairman of Afar Forum (Nouman Moussa) from Germany, and as Afar Forum Public Office (Amine Moussa), from Washington, and I introduced myself as a Member of Afar Community Association UK.

You participated in the demonstration and it is recoded and videoed. All Afar participants are also witness to that Afar Forum has participated physically and materially in the demonstration by its Chairman, Nouman Moussa and its Public Officer Amine Moussa. You and your President's irresponsible actions are clearly conflicting with your Advocacy Statement. You must be aware that according to German law (Sec 2197 German Civil Code) and Charity laws and Regulations of the EU governing Organizations you committed serious grave professional misconduct, misrepresentation and violation of Charity Laws and Management Committee's legal obligations and responsibility by abusing power or delegated responsibility granted you by the Article of Association of the Organizational Law. Your irresponsible behaviour and Organisation involvement in non-charitable activities must be reported to the relevant authority to make Afar Forum a safe Organisation and meets legal requirements.

I salute the Afar Forum Executive Committee members to support the steps recently taken by the Ethiopian Federal Government as a "step in the right direction and the Afar Forum supports the efforts of the Federal Government of Ethiopia and we applaud the decision".

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We are 100% in agreement there. The purpose of the Thursday demonstration was actually applauding this decision, among other things.

I wrote there were two parts of the Thursday demonstration. I and many other Afars participated in the first part of the demonstration went in the line with its objectives, and we handed over our statement and attached documents to the Ethiopian Embassy representatives, you and me together. Unfortunately, when we get out from the Embassy, we found that Political Campaign Demonstration conflicting with the original objectives of the demonstration as it was expounded in all the messages members in the Afar Network exchanged on the issue. Consequently, I and many of us went home, as we thought we did our part of both protesting as well as applauding the positive steps of the government concerning Afar-Issa-Somali conflict. There when we handed the our statement signer of this Afar Forum Press Statement against my "fabricated malicious news" namely; Amine Moussa was with us together with the Chairman of the Afar Forum, Nouman Moussa.

Some participants continued with their version of demonstration in front of the Ethiopian Embassy after we left the place. I and those who thought this part of the demonstration was not only in line with of our original purpose of the place. We left because we thought this has very little to do with our main objective of demonstration, as it was more likely a political campaign rather that justice demand.

I have no knowledge whatsoever with which organizations and political parties the Afar Forum entertain formal relations and with which groups it maintains informal ones. It is none of my business to decide that. If the Afar Forum belongs to you only, as a Private Organisation or Membership Limited Organisation, please accept my apology. On the contrast, if the Afar Forum belongs to all Afar people you have absolutely no right whatsoever to insult my personality and integrity, and you must respect me. I have never been accused of "fabricating malicious news". Otherwise, you will be reasonable and be held responsible for any consequences resulting from your unlawful allegations and wrongful accusations made against me falsely.

Please publish my reply to your statement in your Web Site. If you fail to do so I and the rest of the Afars that were present in the opening day of Afar Forum Conference will assume that the Executive Committee of the Afar Forum is disseminating this "malicious" misinformation and baseless allegations against my person purposely in order to repudiate and encounter the debacle it suffered on the opening day of the assembly on the hands of the outraged Afar Conference participants.

Thank You,

Yours Respectfully



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