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To: H.E. Ambassador Selma Malika Haddadi

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Legacy Betrayal: The African Union's Deviation from Founding Principles in Ethiopia

From Neutral Guardian to Partisan Actor: The Masresha Sete Affair, The AU's departure from its founding principles has escalated from mere omission to active complicity. A stark illustration of this is its involvement in a recent affair involving a former federal government undercover agent who had infiltrated and later defected from the Amhara Fano resistance before surrendering to state forces. Instead of maintaining the impartiality required for any credible mediation role, AU officials participated in a staged government narrative. Abandoned Neutrality and became a propaganda tool, weaponized information, manipulated perception and attempted to **demoralize the Amhara population engaged in a struggle for survival** and betrayed its founding spirit.

A Foundation of Liberation and Hope: Born from the crucible of Africa's anti-colonial struggle, the Organization of African Unity (OAU), established on May 25, 1963, in Addis Ababa, stood as a monumental testament to continental solidarity. Championed by visionaries like Emperor Haile Selassie I, Kwame Nkrumah, et al. Its core mission was unequivocal: to unite newly independent nations, champion the liberation of those still under colonial rule, and uphold the sovereignty and dignity of African peoples.

The Ethiopian Solidarity Movement, (ESM) a non-profit organization globally asserts that the AU must undertake immediate and concrete corrective measures. It must reassert its impartiality and publicly recommit to its Constitutive Act regarding human rights, democracy, good governance and the soul of the OAU is in balance.

Respectfully,

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