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Statement on the Shelling, Drone attacks and the Worsening Humanitarian Situation in Tigray Region of Ethiopia

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The Alliance of Civil Society Organizations in Tigray (ACSOT), a consortium of 72, regional and national civil society organizations operating in Tigray, condemns the recurring shelling of towns and villages in various parts of Tigray including in Adigrat, Sheraro and Rama and the drone attacks that targeted civilian interests in Mekelle. In addition to the destruction of civilian infrastructures including Adi Haqi campus of Mekelle University, the shelling and drone attacks are killing and injuring several civilians in various parts of Tigray.

Moreover, ACSOT has learned that worsening humanitarian situations which include starvation-induced malnutrition, high prevalence of zoonotic diseases, health crisis, etc continue to surface in Tigray as a result of the ongoing conflict, closure of the humanitarian corridor and the continued blockade of essential public services.

ACSOT thus once more calls on all parties to the conflict to fulfill their obligations under international humanitarian and human rights law in general and to refrain from targeting civilians and civilian targets, avoid further bloodshed and work for lasting peace.

Moreover, our alliance has been calling for the global community but we currently demand a strenuous effort at all levels to address severe human suffering resulted from the protracted bloody war. The people of Tigray deserve unfettered access to humanitarian services and the international community in general and the Global Governance Bodies such as AU and UN system have to take the lead for an immediate joint action to end the human suffering.

We also demand the Ethiopian government to immediately restore the basic services (bank, telecom, electricity, etc...) to avoid further humanitarian tragedy.

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