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THE COUNCIL OF ALTERNATIVE FORCES FOR  
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The Director,

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It is with great pleasure that I would like to convey my appreciation to GRAPECA on the fact that we have been availed the opportunity to use the program that used to be broadcasted through Radio Selam ( Voice of Peace ). The Council has made good use of the provided 15 minutes air time for six months as of April 1994. This opportunity had contributed towards breaking the information monopoly concentrated under the control of the power that be. It has also saved our peoples and all interested others from felling prey to premeditated disinformation perpetrated by the enemies of peace and democracy in Ethiopia.

It was with regrets that we were informed about the discontinuation of the program a year ago for reasons which I Presume were beyond your control. This has taken place particularly at a time when the regime in power is doing everything possible to divide the democratic opposition whose allegiance to peace and democracy in Ethiopia is unswerving. Now that we are aware of the fact that the dictatorial EPRDF led regime is intensifying its slanders and machinations through intensive employment of various forms of media both within the country and abroad, we fell it is high time that something should be done to contain such moves that are negatively detrimental to peace in our country. In light of this, the Council is looking forward to hearing from your organization about the possibility of the resumption of Radio Selam soon.

Finally, I would like to thank GRAPECA and all its supporters for what they have done in serving the causes of peace and democracy, hoping that your support and cooperation will be our source of solace in future too.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

