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PROGRESS REPORT

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BACKGROUND

The CENTER was established following the conducting of a founding workshop that lasted for three days between Thursday 16 March and Saturday 18 March, 1995. The workshop took place in the Ethiopian Capital, Addis Ababa, attracting over 60 participants representing NGOs, educational institutions, law firms, trade unions, professional associations, community organizations and relevant government agencies.

Individuals that are knowledgeable and conversant on the various themes and topics of the subject of concern has facilitated efforts towards the smooth carrying out of the undertaking by serving as resource persons. Well researched papers on the essence of civic education, the need for initiating various schemes pertaining to civic education in Ethiopia, integration of program components in school curricula, identification of feasible and appropriate approaches and strategies for implementing schemes, fora for disseminating awareness to the general public...etc. were presented.

Participants were actively involved in the deliberations by way of making useful contributions to the materialization of stated objectives and prescribed goals.

At the closing session of the Workshop that took place on Saturday 18 March, 1995, it has been decided to establish a body that coordinates activities that could lead to the formation of the organization dealing with undertakings associated with civic education in Ethiopia. It is to be noted that participants have unanimously agreed that the organization be named ARTICLE 21 - CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION IN ETHIOPIA. To this end, a five member adhoc Committee was elected to embark on preliminary preparations for laying the ground that could help in the launching of the

project within the shortest possible time.

The Adhoc Committee, on the basis of the mandate obtained from the General Meeting and in line with the Terms of Reference laid down by same, has conducted series of meetings to deal with the tasks assigned to it.

A Two-day meeting (13 & 14 May, 1995) was convened for hearing the proposals of the Adhoc Committee and taking the necessary decisions. A total of 28 participants within Addis Ababa and the nearby towns discussed on agenda items tabled by the committee. A mandate to decide on pertinent matters of an urgent nature was solicited and obtained from representatives of other members who could not attend the meeting for various reasons.

Following lengthy discussions and exchange of views, the Meeting endorsed the objectives of the CENTER as specified in the previous proposal (cf. Appendix I for summary of objectives). A Board of Directors composed of seven members charged with the responsibility of drafting general guidelines and preparing the Memorandum of Association (MOA) was elected at this meeting. Now that all the necessary groundwork to this end are in the process of being undertaken, the CENTER is now moving towards seeking official registration (in accordance with Article 404 of the Civil Code) following the ratification of the draft MOA by the General Assembly to be convened in early July 1995.

Notwithstanding constraints in terms of funding required for institution building, the Board of Directors has decided to renew its request for financial assistance. The GRAPECA Headquarters is asked to facilitate such endeavors and act as liaison on behalf of the CENTER in all matters concerning its foreign relations.

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PLAN OF ACTION (June 1995 - July 1996)

A- INSTITUTION BUILDING

A.1. June 1995 - July 1995- Seeking Official Registration

Making official request to the Ministry of Internal Affairs empowered to provide permit that enables the organization to operate formally. The MOA is a Pre-requisite to obtain legal recognition.

A.2. July 1995 - October 1995- Instituting the Headquarters

Securing premises, personnel, logistics/equipment, etc. Assistance to this end is thus sought

With the anticipation that official registration would be effected during this period, The Center plans to launch an intensive media campaign aimed at familiarizing the general public with the aims and objectives of the organization while at the same time soliciting support and cooperation.

B- ACTIVITIES

B.1. December 1995- A Two-Day Seminar on the Outcomes of the Paris and Addis Ababa Conferences Dealing with "Peace and National Reconciliation in Ethiopia"

Specific date and venue to be announced later

B.2. February 1996- A One-Day Seminar on "Appraisal of the May 1995 National and Regional Elections and Prospects for Active popular Participation In the Democratization Process"

Specific Date and Venue to be announced later.

B.3. Awareness prompting Through Publications with Wider Circulation.

It has been agreed that in order to popularize the objectives of the CENTER, recourse to the print media as a means of communication is singled out as most important. The CENTER plans to compile brochures written in Amharic with the anticipation that these could attract wide readership. Publications are to be compiled by taking related and complementary issues in cluster or category. A total of two brochures each consisting of 30 - 40 pages will be printed and distributed to government agencies, schools, community organizations, clubs and public associations...etc. on the basis of pre-prepared purposive listing. 1000 copies of each category will be published and distribution during the first phase is to be made on the basis of subsidized prices and/or free of charge (as the case may be). Preparations in this direction are already underway and actualization of the venture commences as soon as the necessary funds are made available

The brochures are designed to incorporate issues that are categorized as follows:-

Cluster I

- 1.1. Democracy and Human Rights
- 1.2. Basics of Democratic Governance
- 1.3. Constitutionalism; Free and Fair Elections

Cluster II

The Ethiopian Experience with regard to the items listed under Cluster I.

B.4. January 1996 - July 1996 - Establishing Branches of The CENTER In Selected Geographic Localities Within The Country.

Depending on capabilities of the CENTER to be developed in the meantime, branch offices will be established in Jimma, Dessie, Dire Dawa and Awassa. These are hoped to cover activities in the Western, Northern, Eastern and Southern parts of the Country respectively. Preparations in this regard will commence as soon as the official registration is obtained. A Project Proposal pertaining to the undertaking will be worked out at a later stage.

APPENDIX II

BUDGET BREAK DOWN

CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION IN ETHIOPIA (CCEE)

(ANNUAL BUDGET IN ETHIOPIAN BIRR)

A. Personnel

A.1. 1 Executive Director	1500 x 12	= 18,000
A.2. 1 Planning & Programming Officer	1200 x 12	= 14,400
A.3. 1 Public Relations Officer	1000 x 12	= 12,000
A.4. 1 Administrative Assistant	800 x 12	= 9,600
A.5. 2 Secretaries	2 x 600 x 12	= 14,400
A.6. 2 Support Staff	2 x 200 x 12	= 4,800
Sub Total A		= 73,200

B. House Rent, Utilities

B.1. House Rent	1000 x 12	= 12,000
B.2. Telephone/ Fax Charges	1000 x 12	= 12,000
B.3. Postage	500 x 12	= 6,000
B.4. Electricity Charges	250 x 12	= 3,000
B.5. Stationary	1000 x 12	= 12,000
B.6. Transportation & Perdiem	2000 x 12	= 24,000
Sub Total B		= 69,000

C. Logistics/ Fixed Assets

C.1. 1 Amharic Type writer (IBM)	7,000 x 1	= 7,000
C.2. 1 English Type Writer (IBM)	7,000 x 1	= 7,000
C.3. 1 Desk top Computer & Printer	18,000 x 1	= 18,000
C.4. 1 Fax Machine	10,000 x 1	= 10,000
C.5. 2 File Cabinets	3,000 x 2	= 6,000
C.6. 10 Chairs & 10 Tables	750 x 20	= 15,000
C.7. 3 Shelves	1,000 x 3	= 3,000
C.8. 1 Duplicating Machine	8,000 x 1	= 8,000
C.9. 1 Photo Copier	12,000 x 1	= 12,000
Sub Total C		= 86,000

Total = Sub Totals A + B + C
 = 73,200 + 69,000 + 86,000 = 228,200

10% Contingency = 22,820

GRAND TOTAL = 251,020

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APPENDIX III

Estimates In Birr of Expenditure Pertaining To A Two-Day Seminar (December 1995)

1. Auditorium charges at a rate of Birr. 1000/day	= 2,000
2. Telephone/Fax/Postage (Lump Sum)	= 1,500
3. Lunch for 100 Participants at a rate of Birr 20 Per Person Per Day	= 2 x 20 x 100 = 4,000
4. Snacks, Coffee/Tea, Soft Beverages = 2 x 15 x 100	= 3,000
5. Flip Charts, Overhead Projector Charges...etc.	= 1,000
6. Welcome Package (badges, Stationary) 30 x 120	= 3,600
7. Honorarium for 12 Resource Persons At A Rate of Birr 2000 Each	= 12 x 2000 = 24,000
8. Cost for Publishing 300 Proceedings = 30 x 300	= 9,000
Total	= 48,100
10% Contingency	= 4,810
GRAND TOTAL	= 52,910

APPENDIX IV

Estimates In Birr of Expenditure Pertaining To A One-Day Seminar (February 1996)

1. Auditorium Charge at A Rate of Birr 1000/day	= 1,000
2. Telephone/ Fax Charges (Lump Sum)	= 500
3. Lunch For 75 participants At A rate of Birr 20 Per Person	20 x 75 = 1,500
4. Snacks, Coffee/Tea, Beverages. 15 x 75	= 1,125
5. Flip Charts, Over Heads Projector Charges	= 750
6. Welcome Package	30 x 100 = 3,000
7. Honorarium for 6 Resource persons. 1000x 6	= 6,000
8. Cost for Publishing 300 Proceedings 30 x 300	= 9,000

Total = 22,875

10% Contingency = 2,287.5

GRAND TOTAL = 25162.50

APPENDIX V

**Estimates In Birr of Expenditure Pertaining To the Publication of
The Two Brochures (Clusters I & II).**

1. Secretarial Service (Lump Sum) = 3,000
2. Cost For Printing 2000 copies of compiled Material
With 40. pages Each 25 x 2000 = 50,000
3. Mailing Cost At An Average of Birr 5 For a Copy = 10,000

Total = 63,000

10% Contingency = 6,300

GRAND TOTAL = 69,300

APPENDIX I

SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the CENTER revolve around the following in the main:-

- a) Bring together community leaders, academics and educators, political and religious groups, NGOs, Youth and women's Associations, minority representatives and researchers to deliberate and effect exchange of views on civic culture and democratic governance,
- b) Organize workshops, seminars and symposia in which those listed above (in a) could participate and enhance their awareness on civic culture and practice,
- c) Work towards the inclusion of Civic Education in the curricula of institutions of learning,
- d) Solicit for the support of pertinent government institutions and functionaries (courts, administrators, the police, schools...) to support endeavors aiming at the entrenchment of civic virtues and the rule of law as the dominant aspects of societal life,
- e) Promote research and training on the subject of concern and facilitate dissemination of findings through publications and other appropriate means of communication,
- f) organize and sponsor panels and public lectures on themes and topics that are congruent with the aims of the CENTER.