

## EPP and EDP Agree to Work Towards Forming One Party

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*The newly formed Eritrean People's Party (EPP) and the Eritrean Democratic Party (EDP) have agreed in a leadership meeting that ended on 24 August 2008 in Frankfurt, Germany, to work towards forming one party within a short time possible.*

*All transition arrangements are to be worked out within the next 16 months, with the possible merger of the two parties by the end of 2009 or thereafter.*



*A few details about the meeting are provided in a joint final statement. The transition phase that will lead to the unification of the two parties is to be led by a six-person Joint Coordination Body the will include the two chairmen, Mesfin Hagos of the EDP and Woldeyesus Ammar of the newly formed EPP.*

*The meeting was attended by five leadership members from each side.*



*From the EPP side were Woldeyesus Ammar, Tesfai Woldemichael (Degiga), Amanuel Habte, Dr Aklilu Ghirmai and Neguse Tseggai. The EDP was represented by Mesfin Hagos, Berhane (Brash) Ghebre-Egziabeher, Desbele Mehari, Abdul-Aziz Hassen and Amanuel Hagos.*