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## ERITREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY (EPDP)

Date: January 16, 2010

Subject: Solidarity Message to Congress of Eritrean Youth Global Movement

Dear Compatriots in this EYGM Congress,

I am honored and pleased to address this message of solidarity to you on behalf of the Department for Youth Affairs and on behalf of the leadership of the newly formed Eritrean People's Democratic Party (EPDP) which is committed to give utmost priority to Eritrean youth matters at this difficult juncture in the life of our people and our country.

Let me, therefore, wish a resounding success to this congress you are holding in Washington DC, which is an important event to all Eritreans opposed to repression and injustice going on in our beloved homeland. It is my conviction and the conviction of my Party that the sad situation of Eritrea and its people will have a quick and lasting solution only when the young generation decides to act – and act now. What is lacking and what is needed is organizing oneself for action in any chosen form by this largest and most capable force in our society: the young generation.

It is with the full conviction of the big potential of our young generation for change and for democratization in Eritrea that the EPDP formed a Department for Youth Affairs in order to encourage all youth initiatives and action both inside and outside the party. In other words, we and everybody is on your side and awaiting and watching you!!

Therefore, let me once again congratulate you for convening this congress at the right time for youth action and wish you big, big success in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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