

## **A Joint Meeting of EDP, EPM, and EPP Members Held in Stockholm**

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Members of the Eritrean Democratic Party (EDP), Eritrean People's Movement (EPM), and Eritrean People's Party (EPP) held a joint meeting on October 17, 2009 in Stockholm, Sweden and discussed in-depth the ongoing unity process among the three political parties. Understanding the responsibility and importance of the latest unity agreement reached among their respective political parties, members of the three organizations pledged adherence to the agreement, as well as to work steadfastly and decisively to achieve the final phase of the unity.

The joint meeting first of its kind was conducted both with openness and a good spirit of understanding. The joint meeting discussed on the following topics:

1. How to fulfill the expectations of our people.
2. The role of members of the uniting parties both in the ongoing unity and in removing the ruling party of PFDJ.
3. The present and future role of youth and women.
4. How to maintain and preserve the ongoing unity among the three political parties.

Members of the joint meeting stressed not only the importance of participation by all members of the three parties in the ongoing unity, but also how individual members should contribute towards the cause of the unity.

Members of the joint meeting further underlined the chief task and responsibility of both the people of Eritrea and the opposition forces is the removal of the ruling party of PFDJ as a fundamental precondition for establishing constitutional democracy in Eritrea. On this point, members of the joint meeting highlighted the importance of strengthening the Eritrean opposition force. The joint meeting lasted six hours.