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**Herman J. Cohen, US Ambassador (retired), President**

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Dear Mrs. Yeharerwerk Gashaw  
Founder of the Ethiopian National Government In Exile  
President of the International Ethiopian Diplomacy Council Committee  
Activist and advocate of African causes.

I would like to thank you for traveling from Dallas, Texas to meet with me here in Washington, D.C. in order to bring to my attention the monumental task that is "United States of America Government, to sponsor an inclusive conference of all Ethiopian political parties including EPRDF/TPLF government under peace and reconciliation Forum, with a goal of forming a Democratic inclusive government in Ethiopia, in order to prevent Ethiopia from becoming a dismantled nation."

As I told you during our meeting this past Monday, December 11, 2017, I do not support a divided Ethiopia. I would like to tell you that your idea is the first request of its kind that has been brought to my attention.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your campaign to honor the late Congressman Mickey Leland and the eight other Americans who were killed in a tragic flight on their way to visit with Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia in 1989. I also took good note of how you defended Nigeria and its national soccer team in 1994, resulting in them naming you the "Super Eagle Lady", and in you becoming the international spokesperson during 1994 World Cup in Dallas.

Your dedication to help the less fortunate and your efforts to implement Ethiopian and African unity is evident through your leadership, experience and knowledge. You are deeply appreciated for fighting for African social, economic and political development. Your efforts are not in vain, and I am confident that majority of African leaders would agree and are appreciative of your work and contribution.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

*Herman J. Cohen*

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