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**ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (E N C)**

**Conference Resolution**  
**February 28, 2009**

On March 1, 2009, the Ethiopian National Congress (ENC) held a conference at Loyola University to discuss “the role of civic society in building democratic institutions in Ethiopia”. The following are resolutions from Ethiopians living in Chicago and surrounding Midwest communities to be adopted at this conference:

- Appreciating the continued efforts of organizations and individuals who formed the National Priorities Consultative Process (NPCP);
- Continuing national efforts to press for change in Ethiopia, despite previous shortcomings;
- Encouraging those individuals and groups who have previously called for unity and change to continue in their actions;
- Calling on all Ethiopians to act in the interest of bringing about change in Ethiopia;
- Encouraging all Ethiopian individuals and groups to unite together to fight for change in Ethiopia; without unity, it will be difficult to engage stake-holders and other interested parties;
- Understanding the importance of mobilizing Ethiopians and friends of Ethiopia *worldwide* for: (i) the unity of our country; (ii) respect for basic human and democratic rights; and (iii) accountability;

We ask

- Both new and established civic groups and rights-based organizations to come together and establish a coordinating body, without preconditions, that would enable the mobilization of all Ethiopians around the world.
- Ethiopians around the world to encourage solidarity amongst all citizens and friends of our people.
- Ethiopians and friends of Ethiopia to contribute financially, materially and morally in order to help create an inclusive and united national civic movement that can be respected on a global scale.