Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association

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Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 32/32.

It has been brought to my attention that in June 2018, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed’s office and the Minister of Federal Affairs convened working groups to review and re-draft Ethiopia’s Charities and Societies Proclamation (CSP), Anti-Terror Proclamation (ATP), and Mass Media and Freedom of Information Proclamation.


While awaiting answers to some of the above mentioned communications, I wish to acknowledge the convening of the working groups to review and re-draft the current laws, as well as similar positive developments that have recently been initiated by Your Excellency’s Government to strengthen the rule of law and democratization in Ethiopia. In this regard, I would like to offer my technical assistance to the ongoing review of legislation falling within my mandate, should your Government find it useful.

I would appreciate receiving a response within 60 days. Your Excellency’s Government’s response will be made available in a report to be presented to the Human Rights Council for its consideration.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association