

**JOINT DECLARATION**

**BETWEEN THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**

**AND**

**THE OGADEN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT**

Delegates from the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) and the Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF) met on 21 October, 2018 in Asmara, Eritrea.

The Ethiopian Government delegation was led by H.E. Workneh Gebeyehu and the ONLF delegation was led by the Admiral Mohamed Omar Osman.

The government delegation included the Ethiopia Minister of Finance, H.E. Ahmed Shide and the President of Somali Regional State, H.E. Mustafe Muhammed Omer. The ONLF delegation included Secretary General, Hon Abdirahman Mahdi, Foreign Secretary, Hon Ahmed Yassin Abdi and Finance Secretary, Hon Ibado Herse Hassan.

Affirming to uphold all the political rights enshrined in the Ethiopian Constitution and recognizing the need to address the root causes of the conflict, both parties hereby agree:

- to end hostilities towards each other;
- that ONLF shall pursue its political objectives through peaceful means, with the assurances that the FDRE will respect and uphold the provisions of its Constitution;
- to establish a join committee to further discuss substantive issues pertaining to the root causes of the conflict in the region through continuous engagement inside the country.

This declaration was done in Asmara on the 21 October 2018.