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NANHRI Commends Ethiopian Human Rights Commission for 'A' status accreditation from GANHRI

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The Secretariat of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI) congratulates the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) for being awarded the 'A' status accreditation by the Subcommittee on Accreditation of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI). This brings to 25 the total number of African NHRIs enjoying 'A' status for full compliance with the Paris principles.

The release of the SCA report ([English Report](#) [rapport français](#)) on December 07, 2021 is the peak of a journey in which NANHRI has accompanied the EHRC for the last few years to ensure that the institution is fully compliant with the Paris Principles in operations and composition.

Accreditation to 'A' status comes against the backdrop of political turmoil in Ethiopia as the Federal Government faces off with the Tigray Defence Forces. The conflict, which has lasted for more than one year has led to loss of lives, mass forced displacements of people, destruction of property, a humanitarian crisis, among other human rights violations.

NANHRI has kept abreast with the unfolding events in the country. It has also taken note of the efforts the EHRC has been taking especially in investigating the violations and making recommendations with a view to contributing to the peaceful resolution of the escalating conflict.

The accreditation is not only a vote of confidence from the international actors on the role the EHRC can play in ensuring the conflict ends soon for a return to normalcy. This also means that the work of the institution will be taken seriously and with a lot of credibility.

For these reasons, we urge the EHRC to:

1. Continue with monitoring, documenting and investigating incidences related to the conflict for evidence-based approach to a truce and possible negotiations
2. Call and champion non-armed resolution of the matter through non-partisan engagements
3. Build confidence and trust from both sides as an interested party committed to speedy peaceful resolution of the conflict

4. Negotiate for unlimited humanitarian access to reduce and mitigate suffering of the people, moreso the vulnerable groups such as women, children, the elderly, among others.
5. Advocate for full access to remedies for all persons injured, or adversely affected by the raging conflict.

Meanwhile, the NANHRI Secretariat remains committed to supporting the EHRC in its efforts of supporting other national, regional and international stakeholders in ending the conflict soonest.

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