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TICO Urges Immediate Legal Action Against Prophet Henok Girma

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Subject: TICO condemns the hate speech propagated by Henok Girma and demands accountability.

Introduction

The Tulama International Civic Organization (TICO) unequivocally denounces the recent hate speech incited by Prophet Henok Girma, which fosters ethnic animosity. Such rhetoric is not only divisive but also deeply insulting to the dignity of the Salale Oromo people. TICO firmly opposes any form of hatred, division, or shameful discourse. In light of this, we present the following statement regarding the racist and defamatory remarks made by Prophet Henok Girma against the Salale Oromo.

1. The History and Dignity of the Salale People

The Salale Oromo people possess a rich heritage marked by bravery, heroism, patriotism, and significant sacrifices throughout Ethiopian history. They will never be defined by the derogatory labels used by Henok Girma. The Salale Oromo are recognized for their resilience, respected for their Gadaa system, and celebrated for their diverse contributions to the nation.

- **Resilience:** The Salale Oromo have endured historical injustices with strength, preserving their identity and culture through immense sacrifice.
- **Gadaa System:** They serve as a global model for the preservation of the Gadaa system, which embodies principles of democracy, equality, and humanity.

- **Contribution:** The Salale Oromo have brought pride to Ethiopia on the world stage through achievements in sports, military leadership, and diplomacy.

2. Henok Girma's Act of Hatred

Through his church and television station, "JPS TV," Henok Girma publicly insulted the Salale people and their homeland, labeling it a "land of sorcery and witchcraft." By associating the Salale with such derogatory terms, he undermines their identity in several ways:

- He described the Salale people as "backward and suffering from an inferiority complex," a statement that is derogatory and demeaning to their identity and dignity.
- This organization views such rhetoric as a dangerous provocation that incites conflict between religious and ethnic communities.

3. TICO's Position

To Government Bodies: In support of the legal action initiated by the Salale Zone Administration, TICO calls upon the Federal Government, the Oromia Regional Government, and the Addis Ababa City Administration to take immediate steps to bring this individual to justice. We assert that those who exploit religion to undermine identity and disseminate hate speech unconstitutionally must be held accountable. Therefore:

- **To the Federal and Oromia Governments:** We demand the immediate apprehension of this individual.
- **To JPS Church and JPS TV:** They must be held legally accountable for broadcasting ethnic hatred.
- **To the Oromo People:** We urge our community to unite in the pursuit of justice for this individual.

The Salale people represent honor and bravery, not victims of hate speech!

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