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Invitation to Eritrean Congress - Bologna 1987

Dear friends:

The mass organization of the EPLF (Eritrean People's Liberation Front) in Europe, the National Union of Eritrean Workers, the National Union of Eritrean Students and the National Union of Eritrean Women are organizing their biannual Congress in Bologna, Italy from 1-6 August 1987.

This year's Congress is of particular importance, because it is being organized at a time when the Eritrean people are celebrating their 26th year of armed resistance against Ethiopian forceful occupation. It is also of major significance because it is three months since the historic second Congress of the EPLF, which has been held ten years after the 1st Congress and the unification of the EPLF and the ELF (C.C). The Eritrean people have been waging an armed struggle for a quarter of a century to reassert their national right to independence and to gain peace. While heroically repulsing the various onslaughts by the Ethiopian occupation forces and defending the gains of the revolution, the EPLF has time and again called for a peaceful political solution to the Eritrean-Ethiopian conflict, forwarding concrete proposals for its realization. All efforts for peace on the part of the Eritrean revolution, however, have been frustrated because the Ethiopian regime is bent on a military solution.

This event will highlight the heroic resistance and great determination demonstrated by the Eritrean people in the last 26 years, and at the same time reaffirm the sincere desire of our people for peace by renewing the call for a peaceful political solution. The programme of the Congress will include a solidarity day in which solidarity messages from supporters of the Eritrean struggle for self-determination will be addressed and cultural shows by the various Eritrean cultural groups will be presented. The event will also be addressed by a representative of the EPLF leadership coming from the field. Other programmes will include seminars on the experiences of the Eritrean revolution and sports.

We would like to invite you to attend this important event by sending a delegate and express your solidarity with the struggle of the Eritrean people. Lodging and meals for our guests will be provided for the duration of your visit. Could you kindly let us know the name of your representative at your earliest convenience so that it will help us in expediting our programme. In case you are not able to send a delegate messages of support by a letter or a telegram will be appreciated.

Could you please send your application to the organizing committee in Italy, with a copy to our London branch, so that it will help us in our organizational arrangement.

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Details of the programme and other relevant information will follow at a later date.

We hope to see a representative from your organization in Bologna.

Fraternally yours

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