

The Right Decision at the Right Time for the Right Country- Ethiopia

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The UNGA in its 106th plenary meeting of the 70th session has elected ETHIOPIA to serve as a non-permanent member on the SECURITY COUNCIL for two-year terms starting January 2017. Ethiopia was elected in one round of voting with the support of 185 member countries of the 193 member assembly. Several reasons can be listed for this success.

The first one is that its readiness to shoulder the responsibility of the UNSC for collective action. The other reason is that its contribution for the maintenance of international peace, stability and security. Ethiopia has so far contributed over 80,000 military and police personnel for peacekeeping mission. Currently, 8,326 men and women Ethiopians are involved in peacekeeping missions around the world. Ethiopia was one of the early member and founder the League of Nations.

The commitment and efforts to the poverty reduction is also the other factor that made Ethiopia be elected as a unanimous choice. The election is also a recognition to Ethiopia's efforts towards reducing global warming by declaring CLIMATE RESILIENT GREEN ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENSURING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT and its roles in hosting a number of refugees from neighboring countries and giving them opportunities of education security, healthcare, etc.

The most important factor is however, its friendly and non-hostile foreign policies and strategies towards its neighboring countries and respecting all international laws.

Ethiopia is a member of the IGAD, NEPAD, and has contributed a lot to the peace and security of Somalia, South Sudan and Darfur. Ethiopia is also one of the few countries

that have wider participation in the UN agencies and committees such as UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA WHO, UNECA, etc.

To sum up, Ethiopia has always been a strong advocate of the principles of collective security and multilateralism as can be witnessed in her active and strong participation in every regional, continental, and global affair. The most important point is that its role in fighting terrorism globally and promoting international peace and security. THEREFORE, SHALL WE SAY THIS IS THE RIGHT DECISION AT THE RIGHT TIME FOR THE RIGHT PURPOSE TO THE RIGHT COUNTRY? OFCOURSE **IT IS !!**