

## **Declaration of the Establishment of the Sidama National Liberation Front (SNLF)**

In light of the extremely precarious situation that the Sidama people and other oppressed peoples find themselves in at present, two Sidama political organizations, namely, the Sidama Liberation Front (SLF) and the Sidama National Liberation Organization (SNLO) agree to establish an umbrella organization whose main objective is to mobilize and lead popular struggle for self-determination of the Sidama nation. The umbrella organization shall be named The Sidama National Liberation Front (SNLF). The SNLF represents a higher level of cooperation and coordination among the Sidama political parties and shall replace the United Sidama Parties for Freedom and Justice (USPFJ) formed in 2012.

The SNLF epitomizes a resilience of the struggle of the Sidama nation for freedom and self-determination during the past 120 years. The genesis of the SNLF is the Sidama Liberation Movement which was founded in 1977 to guide the Sidama popular movement for self-determination. The SNLF aims to harness the political resistance, as well as economic, social and cultural advancement of the Sidama society. It also strives to forge alliances with likeminded political and nonpolitical organizations that work towards justice, freedom, liberty, democracy and equality to all oppressed peoples.

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