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Oromo Youth Call for Urgent Action

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Oromo youth continue to be unreasonably targeted for horrific action of the government forces. Our brothers' and sisters' daily life bewildered with frightful as the results of deprivation of their freedom in their study campus.

Since the first week of April 2011 our colleagues have been abducted from various campuses, hundreds have been gravely injured in their dormitories and others have also become victims of harassment. All these action verified their vulnerability and denial of protection for their safety. You are undeniably aware that the victims of this brutal action of the government armed forces have enormous needs for medical, psychological and social support.

Therefore, before further damage occurred and disaster aggravated we call for your urgent action in relation to facilitating:

- 1. Release of the kidnapped students immediately and granted immediate access to treatment, their families, and return to their study.
- 2. To monitor and stop those intensifying conflict among university students, by disseminating hateful and intolerable rumours in the campus of the university on Oromo students. Otherwise, we are in the phase of obligation to defend ourselves.
- 3. We believe that, as the government body, you have the responsibility and duty to protect defenceless student's life from killings, harassment, danger and other human rights abuses and find justice for the victims. Thus, we call on you, on behalf of our brothers and sisters, (victimised Oromo students), to use your authority and accountability to address the dangerous and escalating human rights abuse situation in the study campus you govern. Your action, as an authorised person, is urgently needed as we need fair and justice.

We are monitoring the situation closely and alertly await your reply.