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Dear Prime Minister,

**I am deeply concerned about the ongoing forced evictions in Addis Ababa and the other cities and urban areas since November 2024 and urge you to stop the forced evictions with immediate effect. I also urge you to halt the Corridor Development Project until a human rights impact assessment of the project is conducted and human rights safeguards are put in place to prevent further rights violations.**

Amnesty International’s investigation and analysis of satellite imagery between early November 2024 and early February 2025 confirmed that at least 29 hectares of densely built-up areas in Bole and Lemi Kura underwent structural clearing during this period. An estimated 872 individuals were forcibly evicted from Bole and Lemi Kura sub-cities in November 2024 by the Addis Ababa City Administration. These evictions have been happening in Addis Ababa and 58 other cities and urban centres across Ethiopia. Individuals have been removed from their homes without adequate consultations, sufficient notice and none of the individuals impacted reported receiving any compensation.

Forced evictions violate Ethiopia’s obligations under international human rights law. However, the authorities have failed to put in place essential safeguards, such as meaningful consultation with affected communities, adequate notice, access to legal remedies, and provision of alternative housing, in the context of the ongoing evictions. As a result, many families, including groups of people vulnerable to discrimination and marginalisation such as children, older people, and people with disabilities, have been left homeless, in severe hardship and at risk of further human rights violations.

**In light of the above, I call on you to use your authority to immediately stop the forced evictions and suspend the** «**Corridor Development Project**» **until a thorough, independent human rights assessment is conducted and safeguards are put in place to prevent further rights violations. I further urge you to adopt a moratorium on mass evictions until adequate safeguards are put in place to ensure that all evictions comply with international human rights standards.**

Yours sincerely,

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