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## **American Ethiopia Public Affairs Committee Welcomes New, Inclusive Government in Ethiopia**

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's new cabinet was approved by the country's Parliament this week. AEPAC, and the wider Ethiopian-American community, wish to welcome this new government. Prime Minister Abiy has put together an inclusive and diverse cabinet giving attention to gender, regional and political differences as well as competency and experience. This new cabinet is reflective of the full spectrum of Ethiopian politics, even including three opposition political leaders.

In particular, the appointment of Abraham Belay from Tigray as Defense Minister shows the commitment the democratically elected Government of Ethiopia has to all of its citizens – a commitment seldom shown by former administrations. The new appointment of ministers and realigning of ministries will provide Ethiopia with stable and forward-looking governance.

AEPAC looks forward to promoting its mission of advancing US interest with a pro-Ethiopia agenda, working with the new government and the US to protect and strengthen the relationship between Ethiopia and the United States that has lasted for more than 100 years.

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