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Dear Friends,

July has been one of our busiest months yet. We hosted our first Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review advocacy session in Geneva, we launched our new website, we held our annual general meeting, we welcomed our new representatives on behalf of the Ethiopian Diaspora and we hosted our first Ethiopian Human Rights Day.

I want to take the opportunity to thank all those involved in the different events for their hard work and dedication. Without your hard work and dedication we would have achieved only a fraction of what we did in the last month. We would like to thank the Ethiopian Diaspora Representatives on the different events that took place in July. We would also like to thank our Ethiopian Representatives for their hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank our Ethiopian Diaspora Representatives for their hard work and dedication.

We are very pleased that we are organised from a very early stage. Ethiopia partnership is a good thing.

of climate change and deforestation in Ethiopia. This last cycle will achieve the targeted planting of 20 billion which is a global record, a big contribution to addressing the environmental damage and contributing to the green economy.

Ethiopia Goes after Al-Shabaab

Ethiopia's Somali region communication bureau said an armed Al-Shabaab group crossed into the south-eastern region and raided villages in Somalia's Bakool region. In response, the Ethiopian Somali region special forces and the federal army retaliated by destroying the armed group including killing their leaders. One of the terrorists killed had a bounty of $5 million dollars for any hint on his whereabouts from the US government. An Islamist group linked to Al-Qaeda, Al-Shabaab has led an insurrection against Somalia's federal government for 15 years. An African Union force with soldiers from five countries including neighbors Ethiopia and Kenya has supported the government in its fight against the insurgents. The Ethiopian National Defense Forces have nearly 4,000 soldiers serving as part of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia. This current attack by Al-Shabaab expanding its attack beyond Somalia's borders had mostly targeted Kenya, notably a bloody assault on Nairobi's Westgate shopping center in 2013 which left 67 people dead. The current attack on Ethiopia is indicative of the dangers this terrorist group aided linked to other international terrorist groups and countries aiding and abating such acts, calling for a renewed effort to build the anti-terrorist alliance. The US support to forces that fight Al-Shabaab needs to be increased and not undermine Ethiopia's proven role by threatening Ethiopia with bills and resolutions that limit it from acquiring arms for self-defense and fighting terrorists like Al-Shabaab and locally terrorist groups designated as such by Ethiopia's parliament.

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