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**CHRIS FLAHERTY GOES ON HUNGER STRIKE TO RAISE AWARENESS-
A LAUDABLE CHALLENGE WE MUST ALL SUPPORT!**

We have learned that the filmmaker and producer of the “Migration of Beauty” – a documentary about Ethiopians who fled their country, is launching today a one-man hunger strike in front of the White House to help raise awareness about the grim human rights conditions in Ethiopia. It must be known that Mr. Flaherty has been and remains to be one of the few friends of Ethiopia who has tirelessly been campaigning for the unconditional release of Miss Birtukan Mideksa and all prisoners of conscience who continue to suffer in the dungeons of the TPLF/EPRDF regime.

SOCEPP Canada applauds and fully endorses the works and efforts of this courageous fighter for justice and human rights and will continue to do its part in all its power to make sure that the plight of Ethiopians is heard and answered positively.

We call upon all Diaspora Ethiopians and human rights advocates worldwide to heed the calls of Mr. Flaherty, support his efforts if not also do what he does best – take part in the hunger strike, so that the government of the United States and other concerned parties may pay attention to the plight of the Ethiopian people and stand behind their/our call for the respect of their human and political rights, for justice and democracy.

A fight for justice is always right and we support it wherever it takes place!