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**Ethiopia Ad Hoc Bondholder Committee**

**Response to global investor call in relation to the 2024 Notes**

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The Ethiopia Ad Hoc Bondholder Committee (the “**Committee**”), consisting of international financial institutions based in the US and Europe and holding more than 40% in aggregate of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia’s (“**Ethiopia**”) 6.625% Notes due 2024 (the “**2024 Notes**”), expresses its disappointment following the global investor call held on October 1, 2024 by the Ethiopian authorities.

The Committee does not support the illustrative restructuring terms presented by the Ethiopian authorities on the global investor call. A haircut of the 2024 Notes principal claim is wholly inconsistent with the Committee’s evaluation of Ethiopia’s economic fundamentals. As such, the Committee does not consider the illustrative terms to be a reasonable starting point for negotiation, a view that is shared by others in the wider bondholder community.

Furthermore, the materials presented on the global investor call contained no disclosure of the envisaged arrangements with the Official Creditor Committee (the “**OCC**”). The Committee’s view is that the lack of transparency in this regard, particularly where such arrangements with the OCC represent a significant majority of the debt subject to restructuring, could hinder Ethiopia from achieving a fair outcome for all of Ethiopia’s stakeholders. Accordingly, the Committee expects that interactions with Ethiopia will be conducted in a manner consistent with the IIF Principles for Stable Capital Flows and Fair Debt Restructuring, which include shared information and high levels of transparency.

The Committee also rejects any assertion of the Committee’s unwillingness to engage with Ethiopia in restructuring discussions. The Committee was formed in 2023 and has been continuously ready and willing to engage constructively and in good faith with the Ethiopian authorities on the basis of a realistic assessment of Ethiopia’s economic fundamentals, and future financing alternatives to implement the Sustainable Development Goals.

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