The Embassy/Permanent Mission of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia presents its compliments to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and has the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission of Ethiopia regarding the United Nations Convention against corruption as per the decision of the Conference of the State Parties adopted on 14 December 2006 in Jordan.

The Embassy/Permanent Mission of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime the assurances of its highest consideration.

22 August 2007
Vienna

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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
Vienna International Centre
Vienna
To United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Vienna-Austria

Subject: Sending Proposal

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to refer to your letter reference no Cu 2807/62, dated 12/07/2007 and duly signed on 23 June 2007 in which we were requested to forward our proposal in an aspect of the United Nation Convention against Corruption that may be considered a priority as per the decision of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on 14 December 2006 at the Dead sea in Jordan.

I believe that Corruption can best be fought among other things, through purposeful and coordinated engagement of different organs at National, Regional and International level. Our focus however, here is geared at the participation of different organs at the national level alone.

In some literatures the different actors that jointly constitute National Integrity System among others include:

- Anti Corruption Organs,
- Courts - from supreme court down to the lowest level,
- Public service,
- Parliament - both houses of the parliament,
The Auditor general,
Civic Organizations,
Media - both public and Private,
Ombudsman and
Human Rights Commission.

It is my firm belief that the success of the fight against corruption among other things depends on the degree of systematic involvement of the aforementioned organs of the national integrity system. In this regard, the international best practice on how to consolidate and create excellent environment to actually engage them in the fight is of immense important to all of us committed to fight corruption.

Hence, we humbly, request your good office to consider "international best practice on how to consolidate and make the best use of the different organs of the national integrity system" a priority.

Finally, as part of Ethiopia's commitment to fight corruption in all aspects, I would like to avail my self of this opportunity to inform you that the House of the People's Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has ratified both the United Nations Convention against Corruption and African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption in June 2007.

Furthermore, I would like to avail my self of this opportunity once again to ascertain the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Achala Ahaba

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