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The United Liberation Forces of Oromiyaa (ULFO) had an annual conference of representatives of its chapters for two days. The representatives discussed a whole range of agenda items which include: organizational matters, the state of the Oromo national struggle, and the current political development in Ethiopia in general.

With regards to the prevailing political situation in Ethiopia, the participants of the conference have reached an understanding that the political landscape is changing towards a level plain field for all political actors or entities. In other words, the possibility of freely and democratically voicing the political wish and aspirations of the Oromo people is evolving considerably. Given this circumstance, the participants of the conference have resolved that ULFO should use the open political space created and engage in the political process of freely campaigning and promoting the Oromo national interest.

Having thoroughly deliberated on the present state of the Oromo national struggle, the conference participants asserted that the struggle is gathering a considerable momentum to attain its objective. However, to guard against the slippage of the gains that the struggle has so far scored and to secure further gains, the participants recommended that all Oromo political organizations should agree to (1) organize an all-inclusive national conference, (2) deliberate on all agenda items of national concerns, (3) reorganize themselves and create formidable national organizations and/or promote unity of purpose, and (4) prepare a grand national blue print that they all can pursue in order to collectively advance the cause of the struggle.

Therefore, given that we are at a very critical juncture in the history of our national liberation struggle, ULFO calls upon Oromo political organizations all stripes to seriously consider the above recommendations. ULFO on its part will use the political space presently created in Ethiopia and renew its commitment of contributing towards a more coordinated national effort that can render our struggle a quantum leap – a leap that can help the Oromo nation achieve *abbaa biyyummaa* and the freedom from all forms of oppressions and exploitations.

Unity is strength!

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