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I am writing to wish the Institute for Horn of Africa Studies and Affairs (IHASA) a successful conference on good governance and the elimination of conflicts in the Horn of Africa.

As you know, Ethiopia just held a deeply flawed election. In recent years, Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and his ruling party have jailed political opponents and local journalists. Newspapers have been closed. There are credible reports of food aid being used as a political weapon. The Ethiopian government is one of the few in the world that jams Voice of America broadcasts.

As a former Chairman of the Africa Subcommittee, I know how much this region needs attention. I hope that your conference will help to bring political abuses to light. I also hope that your conference will help to spur new ideas about how to bolster the brave men and women in Ethiopia who are striving for democracy and economic development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Royce".

EDWARD R. ROYCE