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Letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a press release issued on 27 April 2000 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 27 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Press release by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

It is to be recalled that the proximity talks for resolving the Ethio-Eritrean crisis which were arranged for 25 March 2000 by the current Chairman of OAU were cancelled at the last minute because Eritrea failed to confirm its participation.

Ethiopia has now received another invitation to participate in rescheduled proximity talks, to take place in Algiers starting on 29 April 2000.

Ethiopia has always been committed to the OAU peace process.

It is in this spirit that it has decided to take part in the rescheduled proximity talks now planned to start on 29 April 2000. The Ethiopian delegation to the proximity talks will be led by Foreign Minister Seyoum.