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Dear

Dave,

Thank you for your email of 2 October about the report of human rights abuses of the Amhara people in Ethiopia.

Thank you for sharing the report by the Moresh Wegenie Amara, which contains allegations of human rights abuses in Ethiopia. The British Embassy in Addis Ababa is not aware of any other similar reports. There are currently no reports by any international human rights organisation, such as Human Rights Watch or Amnesty International, detailing oppression of the Amhara people within Ethiopia.

However, I have asked our Ambassador in Ethiopia to ask the Ethiopia Human Rights Commission to look into the allegations made by the Moresh Wegenie Amara Organisation. Officials in the Africa Directorate at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will provide you with an update in due course.

We will continue to monitor human rights allegations in Ethiopia and regularly raise our concerns at the highest level with the Ethiopian government about the importance of respecting international human rights norms.

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Minister of State