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I welcome the decision of the Norwegian Nobel Committee to highlight the efforts of the Ethiopian Prime Minister, Mr. Abiy Ahmed Ali, for his engagement in resolving the border conflict with Eritrea that lasted too long, and also for his work with other actors in East and Northeast Africa to support processes of peace and reconciliation in this region.

The successful process between Ethiopia and Eritrea, and other ongoing peace processes in the Horn of Africa, send a message of hope and peace to all of Africa, where too many areas of instability persist, particularly in the Great Lakes region and the Sahel.

The dialogue to end the conflict between the leaders of Eritrea and Ethiopia reminds us that nothing is inevitable, and that the road to peace and reconciliation is not only possible, it is actually the only way that can lead Africa towards stability and prosperity.

We strongly hope that this Nobel Peace Prize will help end violence between Eritrea and Ethiopia, and will serve as an inspiration for the resolution of all the other crises that continue to undermine socioeconomic development on the African continent.

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