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Excellency,

Please accept our warmest greetings from Addis Ababa. I write simply to thank you for your leadership and the dedicated follow-up of your offices in moving forward on the areas of collaboration which we discussed when you visited us last October.

Earlier this morning, we had a very good meeting with two of your compatriots, Dr. Walid A. Ali and Dr. Tarek A. EL Tayeb of the Innovative Research & Development (INRaD-Egypt), with whom we have already started implementation of a joint venture for the control of malaria in different parts of our country using proven environmentally friendly approaches. This initiative is already yielding promising early results and we are starting the scale-up of this important collaborative project with the support of the Ethiopian and Egyptian governments.

Last month, my colleagues also met with Dr. Wael EL Halwany (DG, Medical Convoys, Egyptian Ministry of Health) and agreed on a plan for initiating the collaborative medical services activities we had discussed. I understand that the Egyptian Medical Convoy team will be visiting us later this month to embark on this project as well.

Excellency, I am greatly encouraged by this momentum and highly appreciate the exceptional readiness you have shown to help us build on the progress we are making in our heath sector. Dr. Walid Ali also informed me that you may also be visiting us again as part of a high-level delegation led by H.E. Prime Minister of Egypt before the end of this year. It will be our distinct honour to welcome you all to Ethiopia again. We are very much looking forward to a very fruitful and lasting collaboration with your government over the coming years. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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