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Local EU Statement on the release of Mr Andargachew Tsege

The European Union Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Ethiopia

"The EU welcomes the pardon and release of UK citizen Andargachew Tsege, as well as the dropping of charges against ESAT, OMN, Berhanu Nega and Jawar Mohammed on May 29th. Taken together with the release of other activists, journalists and leaders of the opposition in the past weeks, and the initiation of a dialogue with Oromo Democratic Front (ODF), this signals the willingness of the new Government to address the grievances expressed by the population including demands to open up political space in Ethiopia. We trust the Government of Ethiopia will continue on this path, including by enhancing freedom of expression and association, lifting the State of Emergency as soon as possible, and revising electoral, civil society, media and anti-terrorism legislation. The EU stands ready to support Ethiopia in these challenging but promising times."

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