

## Statement by the Development Assistance Group - Addis Ababa 11 November 2005

The Development Assistance Group (DAG) expresses its deep sadness at the deaths and injuries in the recent civil unrest in Addis Ababa and elsewhere in Ethiopia, in line with the EU and US Ambassadors statement of 6th November 2005.

The DAG is concerned about these political disturbances and the effects that these may have on sustainable development for the country.

The DAG mandate is sustainable development in Ethiopia. These disturbances weaken the environment for aid effectiveness and poverty reduction, jointly built between government and the donor community over the past few years. This is against a background of chronic poverty and a looming economic shock related to oil prices.

As a result of the situation, the DAG is collectively reviewing development co-operation modalities to Ethiopia with a view to ensuring that our contributions reach the poor effectively in a non-partisan manner.

Recognizing our joint commitment to building a strong democracy with respect for the human rights of each citizen, the DAG, working with the government and all stakeholders, will be addressing the underlying issues that impede progress in order to formulate development cooperation programs that will result in strengthened commitment to democracy and sustainable development.

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