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**Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
LONDON**

Grenfell Tower Block Fire – Statement

Thursday, 15th June 2017

The Embassy wishes to express its deepest sympathy to all those who have been affected by the horrific fire at Grenfell Tower, Latimer Road, London.

According to the latest statement from the Metropolitan Police, there have been 17 fatalities and they expect that figure to rise further. It is also known that 37 people are still in hospital, 17 of whom are in a critical condition.

We can confirm that there are a number of Ethiopian-born citizens among the casualties. We continue to monitor the situation and will provide further information as soon as it becomes available.

A team has been set up at the Embassy that is working closely with the authorities and the Ethiopian Diaspora in London to assist members of the community who have been affected by the fire and its aftermath. Yesterday, Embassy staff visited some of the Ethiopian families who have been affected to offer support.

If you have any information concerning any Ethiopians or British nationals of Ethiopian origin in need of assistance, please contact the Embassy on one of the following numbers to speak to a member of staff:

0207 589 7212

0207 838 3882

0207 838 3884

We also advise you to call the Metropolitan Police **Casualty Bureau on 0800 0961 233** if you are concerned about a loved one.

The Embassy would like to convey its thanks to the courageous fire fighters and other emergency services, who have worked bravely and tirelessly to assist all those who have been affected.