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whereas the nations, nationalities and peoples of ethiopia, through their struggle against the political suppression, economic exploitations and cultural oppression, have been able to topple the last regime of military dictatorship which was a continuation of past regimes;

whereas the national liberation movements and other political organizations which toppled the said regime of military dictatorship have, in the peace and democracy conference which they convened in addis ababa from july 1 to july 5, 1991, established a transitional government and adopted a charter embodying guidelines by which the government is to be guided and principles to serve during the transition period;

whereas the right of nations, nationalities and peoples to self-determination and to determine their own affairs by themselves has been affirmed by the said charter;

whereas it is necessary to issue a law defining regions as well as establishing self-governments and councils with a view to giving effect to this right of nations, nationalities and peoples;

now, therefore, in accordance with article 2(b), 9(d) and 13 of the charter, it is hereby proclaimed as follows.

chapter one
general

1. short title

this proclamation may be cited as the “national/regional self-governments establishment proclamation no. 7/1992”.

2. purpose

this proclamation is intended to establish national/regional self-governments as defined in article 9(d) of the transitional national charter.

3. scope

this proclamation applies to all nationalities and peoples of ethiopia, including those who have been disenfranchised by the former military regime.

4. establishment

national/regional self-governments shall be established in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation and the transitional national charter.

5. powers

national/regional self-governments shall have the power to make laws and regulations not in conflict with the transitional national charter.

6. responsibilities

national/regional self-governments shall be responsible for the development and welfare of their respective regions.

7. implementation

the proclamation shall be implemented by the transitional government and the national/regional self-governments.

8. validity

this proclamation shall come into effect immediately and continue to be in force until a new constitution is adopted by the people of ethiopia.

9. enforcement

any person or entity violating the provisions of this proclamation shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by law.

10. interpretation

any dispute arising from the interpretation of this proclamation shall be resolved by the transitional government.

11. publication

this proclamation shall be published in the official gazette and in other means of communication to ensure wide dissemination.

12. amendment

this proclamation may be amended by a subsequent proclamation issued by the transitional government.

13. termination

this proclamation shall cease to be in force upon the adoption of a new constitution by the people of ethiopia.

14. supplementary

this proclamation is issued in accordance with article 2(b) of the transitional national charter.

this proclamation is hereby proclaimed as the “national/regional self-governments establishment proclamation no. 7/1992”.

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2. Definitions

In this Proclamation, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Charter” means the Transitional Period Charter of Ethiopia Promulgated in the Negarit Gazeta 50th Year, No. 1, issued on July 22, 1991;

2. “Central Transitional Government” means the Central Government of Ethiopia established in accordance with the Charter;

3. “Self-Government” means, for the purpose of this Proclamation, a national or regional entity vested with legislative, executive and judicial powers;

4. “National Transitional Self-Government” means a National Transitional Self-Government established by any nation, nationality or people for the purpose of administering its own affairs within its geographical area;

5. “Regional Transitional Self-Government” means a Transitional Self-Government which is jointly established by, and with the agreement of, two or more adjacent nations, nationalities or peoples and which is considered as a National Self-Government;

6. “Minority Nationality” means a nationality or people which cannot establish its own Woreda Self-Government because of the small number of its population;

7. “Nation” or “Nationality” means a people living in the same geographical area and having a common language and a common psychological make up of identity.

3. Establishment of National/Regional Self-Governments

1. The following nations, nationalities and peoples shall establish National/Regional Self-Governments:

Region One
*19. Alaba
1. Tigray
2. Saho
3. Kunama
Region Two
*22. Sidama
4. Afar
Region Three
*24. Burjic
*5. Amhara
*6. Agaw-Kamirgina
*7. Agaw-Aworgigna
8. Oromo (Around Kahu)
Region Four
*27. Wolaita
*9. Oromo
10. Somali
Region Five
*30. Aydi
*11. Gumuz
Region Six
*31. Gewada
*12. Koma
*13. Berta
Region Seven
*32. Melon
*14. North Mao
*35. Gobez
*15. Shinasha
*36. Bussa
*16. Gurage
*37. Konessa
*17. Hadiya
*38. Gidele
*18. Kembata
*40. Basketo
6. Wereda and National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments shall have the responsibility and duty to ensure respect for the rights provided for in the Charter.

4. Delimitation of Borders of National Self-Governments

1. The adjacency of territory settled by a nation, nationality and people shall be the basis for the delimitation of the borders of a National Self-Government.

2. a) The borders of Weredas that existed prior to 1974 shall be taken as the bases for the delimitation of the borders of adjacent National Transitional Self-Government until the details of the geographical borders of each nation, nationality and people are specifically laid down.

b) Where a Wereda is settled by more than one nation, nationality or people, such wereda shall be incorporated in the adjacent Self-Government of the nation, nationality or people of which more than 50% of the wereda is composed.

3. In the absence of a nation, nationality or people which forms more than 50% of the wereda as provided for in sub-article 2 of this Article or where there is a serious disagreement among the peoples of such wereda, its borders shall be delimited by agreement between the two adjacent National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments taking into account the interests of the people.

5. Basic Unit of Hierarchy of National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments

1. The basic unit of hierarchy of every National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall be the wereda; the powers and duties of kebele hierarchies and, where necessary, Higher hierarchies below weredas through which kebele resident can participate in social and political life, shall be determined by National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments.

2. The people living in a wereda shall elect the wereda leadership with the direct participation of the residents. Conditions of election shall be prescribed in the electoral law pursuant to which the fundamental right of a nation, nationality and people to determine their own affairs laid down in the Charter may not be abridged, and the right of citizens regarding election may not be unduly restricted.

3. Minority nationalities within the wereda shall, irrespective of the small size of their population; have appropriate representation in the Wereda Council for the purpose of achieving national composition thereof.

6. Legal Personality

Without prejudice to the supreme political power of the Central Transitional Government, every National/Regional Transitional Self-Government and Wereda Administration shall have its own political power and legal personality.

7. Term of Office

The term of office of National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments shall be the same as that of the Central Transitional Government as provided for under Article 12 of the Charter.
CHAPTER TWO

Structure and Powers of National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments

PART ONE

Structure and Powers

8. Structure of Self-Governments

1. Every National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall have the following organs:
   a) a National/Regional Council;
   b) a National/Regional Executive Committee;
   c) a Judicial Organ;
   d) a Public Prosecution Office;
   e) an Audit and Control Office;
   f) a Police and Security Office; and
   g) a Services and Development Committee.

2. a) A chartered municipality of an urban centre within a National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall be administered in accordance with its Charter.

   b) The mayor shall be elected by the residents of the urban centre; and he shall be accountable to the people which elected him and to the National/Regional Council.

   c) Details of the election shall be prescribed by a law to be issued by the Council of Representatives of the Central Transitional Government.

3. With the exception of any National Self-Government the size of whose territory does not exceed that of a wereda, National Self-Governments shall, for the purpose of implementing this Proclamation, have administrations divided into two hierarchies, namely wereda and national levels, provided, however, that other intermediate hierarchies may be created in accordance with Article 15 (1) (d) of this Proclamation.

9. General Powers of Self-Governments

1. National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments shall have legislative, executive and judicial powers in respect of all matters within their geographical areas except such matters as defence, foreign affairs, economic policy, conferring of citizenship, declaration of a state of emergency, deployment of army where situations beyond the capacity of National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments arise, printing of currency, establishing and administering major development establishments, building and administering major communications networks and the like, which are specifically reserved for the Central Transitional Government because of their nature.
3. A National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall be accountable to the Council of Representatives of the Central Transitional Government and to the people of the region and to the nation that elected it.

4. The Executive Committee of a National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall be accountable to the National/Regional Council and to the Council of Representatives of the Central Transitional Government.

5. The Chairman of a National/Regional Transitional Council shall have direct access to the President of the State and to the Prime Minister.

10. Special Powers of National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments

Subject to the provisions of Article 9 of this Proclamation, National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments shall have the following powers and duties:

1. subject to sub-articles 1 and 3 of Article 9, to borrow from domestic lending sources and to levy dues and taxes,

2. to issue and implement laws and rules relating to public services which do not conflict with the relevant policy of the Central Transitional Government;

3. to plan direct and supervise social and economic development programmes in accordance with the relevant policy of the Central Transitional Government;

4. to establish, direct and supervise social and economic development establishments or enterprises;

5. to prepare, approve and implement their own budgets;

6. to administer, develop and protect the natural resources of the region in accordance with the relevant general policy and law of the Central Transitional Government;

7. to employ and administer the personnel of their own Self-Governments on account of their own powers and budgets provided, however, that the conditions of administration and pensions of such personnel shall be in accordance with the public service and pensions laws of the Central Transitional Government;

8. to establish and direct, in accordance with the relevant policy and directives of the Central Transitional Government, security and police force for maintaining the peace and security of the people;

9. to establish a judicial organ with jurisdiction to decide any dispute within the region with the exception of these matters which, because of their nature, are specifically assigned to the courts of the Central Transitional Government;

10. to be the owner of the properties of the Self-Government; to acquire ownership of, and to transfer, property.
PART TWO

Powers and Duties of National/Regional Council

11. Legislative Organ

The National/Regional Council is the legislative organ of a National/Regional Transitional Self-Government.

12. Repository of Overall Political Power

Subject to Articles 9 and 10 of this Proclamation, the National/Regional Council is the repository of overall political power regarding the internal affairs of the region.

13. Formation of a National/Regional Council

A National/Regional Council shall be constituted by members elected in accordance with electoral law.

14. Accountability

National/Regional Councils are accountable to the people which elected them and to the Council of Representatives of the Central Transitional Government.

15. Special Powers of the Council

1. Without prejudice to the general powers provided for under Articles 11 and 12 of this Proclamation, a National/Regional Council shall have the following special powers:

   a) to issue the constitution and other laws in conformity with the laws of the Central Transitional Government;

   b) to elect the members of the National/Regional Executive Committee, and the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary of the National/Regional Council from among its own members;

   c) to determine the seat of government and the working language of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government;

   d) to establish additional units of hierarchy between the weereda and the national levels where it is found necessary taking into account the special circumstances of the size of the population and of the region;

   e) without prejudice to the powers of the Central Transitional Government to negotiate, and approve agreement concluded with adjacent National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments on national and border matters;

   f) subject to the provisions of other Articles of this Proclamation, to define the responsibilities and duties of the executive organs and the various establishments of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government;

   g) subject to the policies of the Central Transitional Government on national and border matters.
j) to approve the social and economic development programmes of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government;

k) to issue laws relating to the sources of revenue of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government; and to approve its own budget;

l) to establish establishments necessary for social and economic developments;

m) to issue designs, directives and strategies for the development and protection of the environment;

n) to appoint the judges of the National/Regional Self-Government;

o) to appoint the heads of the Public Prosecution Office and the Audit and Control Office;

p) to approve the appointment of the heads of the various establishments of the Self-Government presented by the Chairman of the National/Regional Executive Committee;

q) to submit, through the Chairman, a report to the Central Transitional Government every three months.

4. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen of the National Regional Council shall be the Head and the Deputy Head of the National/Regional Executive Committee respectively.

16. Time of Meetings

Regular meetings of National/Regional Councils shall be held once every three months.

PART THREE

Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee of the National/Regional Self-Government

17. General

1. The National/Regional Executive Committee is the highest executive organ of the National/Regional Self-Government.

2. The National/Regional Executive Committee shall, pursuant to Article 15 (1) (b) of this Proclamation, have members to be elected from among the members of the Council whose number shall not be less than eleven (11) and not more than nineteen (19).

3. Members of the Executive Committee shall be collectively and individually responsible for the overall direction of the offices of the Self-Government.

4. The Executive Committee shall be accountable to the Council of Ministers for the implementation of the laws and policies of the Central Transitional Government; it shall as well be accountable to the National/Regional Council concerning the discharge of its National/Regional duties.

18. Special Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee

Without prejudice to Article 17 of this Proclamation, the National/Regional Executive Committee shall:

1. ensure the proper implementation of policies, proclamations, regulations, plans, directives and decisions of the Central Transitional Government and the National/Regional Council;
2. direct, coordinate and supervise the activities of the various establishments of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government and the administration of the Weredas and other hierarchies as may be established;

3. prepare and submit to the National/Regional Council the social services and economic development plans and programmes of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government; and implement same upon approval;

4. prepare and submit to the National/Regional Council the budget of the National/Regional Self-Government which is in conformity with the financial policy of the Central Transitional Government; and implement same upon approval;

5. make all appropriate efforts to develop, utilize and preserve the National/Regional heritage and natural resources of the region pursuant to the general policy guidelines of the Central Transitional Government;

6. perform other duties that may be assigned to it by the National/Regional Council.

PART FOUR

The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary of the National/Regional Council

19. General

The Chairman of the National/Regional Council shall:

1. be the head of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government;

2. deal with the Central Transitional Government as the spokesman of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government;

3. be accountable to the National/Regional Council as well as to the Council of Ministers of the Central Transitional Government.

20. Special Powers and Duties of the Chairman of the National/Regional Council

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 19 of this Proclamation, the Chairman of the National/Regional Council shall:

1. convene and direct the meetings of the National/Regional Council and coordinate its activities;

2. submit to the Council for appointment;
   a) the President of the Superior Court;
   b) the Head of the Public Prosecution Office;
   c) the Head of the Audit and Control Office; and
   d) the heads of various establishments of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government;

3. direct the National/Regional Executive Committee; make an overall coordination and supervision of the activities of various establishments;

4. give an overall guidance to the National/Regional Security and police force established to ensure the security of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government and to enforce the observance of law and order;
5. provide without prejudice to the laws and policies of the Central Transitional Government relating to the administration of employees and pension, an overall direction and supervision regarding the employment, classification, transfer, control, promotion, training, discipline and appointment of the employees of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government;

6. ensure that the Charter, the laws and policies of the Central Transitional Government as well as the laws, regulations and directives of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government are properly implemented;

7. submit report to the National/Regional Council and the Central Transitional Government from time to time on the overall activity of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government;

8. perform other duties that may be assigned to him by the National/Regional Council.

21. Powers and Duties of the Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman of the National/Regional Council shall:

1. perform duties that may be assigned to him by the Chairman and the Executive Committee;

2. act in place of the Chairman where the latter is not in a position to discharge his duties.

22. Powers and Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary of the National/Regional Council shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall:

1. organize the Secretariat of the Council;

2. keep properly the documents of the Council;

3. ensure that the minutes of the Council are properly kept;

4. be responsible for the direction of secretarial activities;

5. perform other duties that may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee.

PART FIVE
Judicial Jurisdiction

23. Jurisdiction

Judicial power in any National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall exclusively be vested in courts.

24. Courts

In any National/Regional Transitional Self-Government there shall be one National/Regional Superior Court and other lower courts to be established by a law to be issued by the Council of the Self-Government.

25. Finality of Decision

1. With the exception of matters specifically determined by law to be under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the Central Transitional Government, a decision of the National/Regional Superior Court on any case shall be final.
2. Without prejudice to the laws of the Central Transitional Government providing to the contrary, no judicial decision of the National/Regional courts may be reviewed or reversed by the organs or authorities of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments, or, of the Central Transitional Government.

26. Judicial Independence

Judges shall exercise their judicial function in complete independence; they shall be guided by no other authority than that of the law.

27. Working Language of Judicial Proceedings

Judicial proceedings shall be conducted in the working language of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government. Interpreters shall be assigned to those parties who do not understand the working language.

28. Election of Judges

Judges of the courts of a National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall be selected and appointed in accordance with a law to be issued thereon.

29. Judicial Administration

The administration of judges and of the judiciary shall be determined by a law to be issued by the National/Regional Council.

30. Jurisdiction of Courts

The jurisdiction of courts shall be determined by a special law.

PART SIX

The Head of the Public Prosecution Office

31. Powers and Duties of the Head of the Public Prosecution Office

The Head of the National/Regional Public Prosecution Office shall direct the Public Prosecution Office of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government and perform duties to be specifically assigned to him by law.

32. Accountability

Without prejudice to the law to be issued by the Central Transitional Government concerning public prosecution offices, the Head of the National/Regional Public Prosecution Office shall be accountable to the National/Regional Council.

PART SEVEN

The Head of the Audit and Control Office

33. Powers and Duties of the Head of the Audit and Control Office

The Head of the National/Regional Audit and Control Office shall direct the National/Regional Audit and Control Office; and shall take appropriate measures to properly implement financial laws, regulations and directives.

34. Accountability

Without prejudice to the law to be issued by the Central Transitional Government concerning auditors, the Head of the National/Regional Audit and Control Office shall be accountable to the National/Regional Council.
CHAPTER THREE

Finance and Budget of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government

35. Sources of Finance

The financial and income sources of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall, in accordance with Articles 10 (1) and 15 (1) (k) of this Proclamation, be revenues collected from taxes and grants to be given by the Central Transitional Government, internal borrowing and other sources of income. The shares and coordination as between the Central Transitional Government and the National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments regarding the collection and utilization of revenue shall be determined by law.

36. Government Grants

The Central Transitional Government shall allocate grants to National/Regional Transitional Self-Governments that cannot undertake by themselves basic social services and economic development programmes due to relative underdevelopment; and shall assist them by assigning the necessary manpower.

37. The Budget of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government

1. The operating and capital expenditures of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall be based on the budget approved by the National/Regional Council.

2. The fiscal year of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government shall be the same as the fiscal year of the Central Transitional Government.

CHAPTER FOUR

The Structure and Powers of the Wereda Administration

PART ONE

General

38. Basic Administrative Hierarchy

Without prejudice to administrative hierarchy of kebeles in rural areas as well as kebeles and Highers in urban centres, the woreda shall, for the purpose of this Proclamation, be the basic administrative hierarchy of any National/Regional Transitional Self-Government. The powers and duties of kebeles and Highers shall be determined by the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government.

39. Structure of Wereda Administration

The Wereda Administration shall have the following organs:

1. a Wereda Council;
2. a Wereda Executive Committee;
3. a Wereda Judicial Organ;
4. a Wereda Public Prosecution Office;
5. a Wereda Audit and Control Office;
6. a Wereda Security and Police Force Office;
7. a Wereda Services and Development Office.
40. General Powers and Duties of the Wereda Administration

1. The Wereda Administration shall have all the powers necessary to prepare, determine and implement within its own areas plans concerning social services and economic development; as well as to implement laws, policies and directives of the Central Transitional Government and the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government.

2. The Wereda Administration shall, in every aspect, be a subordinate organ of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government.

PART TWO
The Wereda Council

41. Election of Members of the Wereda Council

1. Members of the Wereda Council shall be directly elected by the people of the Wereda. They shall be accountable to the people which elected them.

2. The Wereda Council shall be accountable to the National or other appropriate superordinate Council.

42. Legislative Power

The Wereda Council shall have legislative powers in accordance with Article 40 of this Proclamation.

43. Powers and Duties of the Wereda Council

1. The Wereda Council shall:

a) elect the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary of the Council as well as members of the Executive Committee;

b) issue its own rules of procedure and work directives;

c) establish the Security and the Police Force of the Wereda;

d) identify the source of income of the Wereda Administration; prepare and approve the budget of the Wereda Administration;

e) select and appoint the:
   (1) Head of the Wereda Judicial Organ;
   (2) Head of the Wereda Public Prosecution Office;
   (3) Head of the Wereda Audit and Control Office;
   (4) Head of the Wereda Security and Police Force;

f) oversee the social services and economic development of the Wereda; approve plans and programmes and supervise their implementation;

g) determine the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary of the Wereda and the various committees thereof.

2. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Wereda Council shall be the head and the deputy head of the Executive Committee, respectively.

44. Time of Meetings

The ordinary meetings of the Wereda Council shall be held once in three months.
PART THREE

The Executive Committee of the Wereda

45. General

1. The Wereda Executive Committee shall be an organ comprising of members to be elected from among members of the Wereda Council whose number shall not be less than nine (9) and not more than fifteen (15) including the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary.

2. The Wereda Executive Committee shall be the executive organ of the Wereda.

3. The Wereda Executive Committee shall be accountable to the Wereda Council and to be superordinate executive organ of the Self-Government.

4. Members of the Wereda Executive Committee shall collectively and individually provide an overall guidance to the offices of the Wereda Administration.

46. Powers and Duties of the Wereda Executive Committee

The Wereda Executive Committee shall:

1. cause the implementation of the laws, regulations, policies, directives, plans and programmes of the Council of Representatives of the Central Transitional Government, the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government and of the Wereda Administration;

2. preserve, develop and tend the natural environment;

3. take all the necessary measures to develop and put to use the heritage and the natural resources of the Wereda in accordance with the policy and guidelines of the Council of Representatives of the Central Transitional Government and of the National/Regional Council;

4. maintain the peace and security of the Wereda;

5. perform other duties that maybe assigned to it by the Wereda Council.

47. Powers and Duties of the Chairman of the Wereda Executive Committee

The Chairman of the Wereda Executive Committee shall be accountable to the Wereda Council and to the superordinate Self-Government organs and shall:

1. be responsible for the Wereda Administration;

2. preside over the meeting of the Wereda Council and of the Wereda Executive Committee;

3. provide an overall guidance to the Wereda Security and Police Force;

4. ensure that laws, policies, plans and programmes as well as directives of the Council of Representatives of the Central Transitional Government and the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government are properly implemented;

5. submit report from time to time to the Wereda Executive Committee, the Wereda Council and to the superordinate Self-Government organs;
6. direct, supervise, follow up, coordinate the Wereda Executive Committee and the various establishments of the Wereda;
7. prepare and submit to the Wereda Council the social service and economic development programmes (plans) of the Wereda;
8. perform other duties that may be assigned to him by the Wereda Council.

48. Powers and Duties of the Vice-Chairman of the Wereda Executive Committee
The Vice-Chairman of the Wereda Executive Committee shall:
1. act as Chairman in the absence of the latter;
2. perform other duties that may be assigned to him by the Wereda Executive Committee and the Chairman.

49. Powers and Duties of the Secretary of the Wereda Council
The Secretary of the Wereda Council shall be a member of the Wereda Executive Committee and shall:
1. organize the Secretariat of the Council;
2. keep properly the documents of the Council;
3. ensure that the minutes of the Council are properly kept;
4. be responsible for the direction of secretarial activities;
5. perform other duties that may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee.

50. The Wereda Judicial Organ
1. Without prejudice to the laws to be issued on judicial administration by the Central Transitional Government, the judicial organ of the Wereda shall be the subordinate judicial organ of the National/Regional Self-Government.
2. The provisions of Articles 26-30 of this Proclamation shall be applicable to the judicial organ of the Wereda.

51. The Wereda Public Prosecution Office
1. Without prejudice to the law to be issued by the Central Transitional Government concerning public prosecution offices, the Wereda Public Prosecution Office shall be the subordinate office of the Public Prosecution Office of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government.
2. The Public Prosecution Office of the Wereda shall perform duties to be specifically assigned to it by law.

52. The Wereda Audit and Control Office
The Wereda Audit and Control Office shall:
1. be the subordinate organ of the Audit and Control Office of the Council of Representatives of the Central Transitional Government and of the National/Regional Transitional Self-Government.
2. carry out its duties in accordance with financial laws, regulations, orders and directives.

CHAPTER FIVE
Miscellaneous Provisions

53. Allocation of Budget
The Central Transitional Government shall allocate appropriate budget to National/Regional Self-Governments for the transition period in order that they begin their activities immediately.
54. Duty to Cooperate

Any government office, national liberation front and other political organizations or groups or private organizations or individuals shall have the duty to cooperate with regard to the implementation of this Proclamation.

55. Penalty

Whoever violates or obstructs the implementation of this Proclamation shall be punishable in accordance with the relevant criminal law.

56. Conflict with Other Laws

Any law which is inconsistent with this Proclamation shall not apply to matters provided for in this Proclamation.

57. Effective Date

This Proclamation shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Negarit Gazeta.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 14th day of January, 1992.

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PRESIDENT OF THE TRANSITIONAL

GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA

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