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## UN High-level Officials Express Deep Concern Over Escalating Ethnic Tensions in Ethiopia

(New York, 12 November 2020) The United Nations Acting Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Stephen O'Connell and the Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect, Stephen Smith expressed deep concern over reports of escalating ethnic tensions in Ethiopia and recent military clashes in the Tigray region, in which many civilians have allegedly been killed. The two Special Advisers have received reports of incidents of ethnic and religious motivated hate speech, incitement to violence and serious human rights violations including arbitrary arrests, killings, displacement of populations and destruction of property in various parts of the country. The Special Advisers strongly condemned reports of targeted attacks against

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