

EPRP's Political Program

NB. This is Unofficial Translation of EPRP's Political Program.

I. OBJECTIVE

To establish federal democratic republic through free and fair election of the people, a republic in which the rule of law and the democratic rights of the people shall be respected and the unity of the people and the country maintained on the basis of equality.

II. Constitution

1. The Constitution of the country shall be drafted by a Constitutional Commission made up of the representatives of the various political parties and sectors of the society, delegates of unions and civic associations, religious leaders, legal experts, elders, distinguished personalities (in the field of arts, science, other professions).
2. The people shall freely discuss and amend the draft constitution which shall be adopted by a country wide referendum.
3. The tenure of power of the government to be set up by a free and fair election, in accord with the Constitution, shall be limited to a specific duration
4. The EPRP believes that the Constitution should include the following major principles:
 - a) that the power, functions and responsibilities of the executive, the legislative and the judiciary be separate and clearly stipulated;
 - b) that the parliament (the legislative to be set up by free and fair election of the people) be bi cameral and that one chamber of the people's representatives be determined by the number of people in the electoral districts while the other be based on the ethnic composition of the federal structure and that each chamber have equal representation and the representative for both be elected directly by the people;
 - c) that the democratic and human rights of the people be recognized in detail and in full.
 - d) that there should be articles clearly recognizing self administration within a federal setup which is based on the geographic and economic ties of the people and recognizes the equality of all nationalities and the unity of the Ethiopian people;
 - e) that a political system based on multipartism/pluralism be established;
 - f) that the government to be set up by the free and fair election of the people should have a tenure of only four years.
 - g) that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ethiopia should be clearly set/recognized.
 - h) that the nationality/citizenship right of Ethiopians shall be respected and is inviolable