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PROCLAMATION No. 255/2001
A PROCLAMATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to specify the implementation of the provisions of Chapter Seven of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia with regard to the President of the Republic;

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to regulate and strengthen the Constitutionality of the presidential institution and to respect the rights and benefits of the Ex-President of the Republic having taken his service into consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Article 55(1) of the Constitution, it is hereby proclaimed as follows:

PART ONE
General

1. Short Title
This proclamation may be cited as the "Administration of the President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Proclamation No. 255/2001."

2. Definition
1/ "president" means the Person designated in accordance with sub-Article (2) of Article 70 of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
PART TWO
Institution of the President

3. The President shall be elected for a term of office of six years which shall terminate at the first joint session, of the House of the Federation and the House of Peoples' Representatives, to be held at the second year of their election.

4. The President shall, during his Presidency, have a monthly salary and other benefits to be approved by the House of Peoples' Representatives;

5. The Office of the President shall prepare a proposal of any expenditure necessary for the office to be disbursed on the basis of its annual budget to be approved by the House of Peoples' Representatives.

6. A President who accepts his candidacy, in accordance with Article 70(2) of the Constitution, shall be required to prove that he has no affiliation with any political party, in the country, and serve impartially;

7. The President shall be obliged to keep himself aloof from any partisan political movement during or after his presidency.

8. Where the President, before the termination of his term of office, discontinues his service due to illness, death, resignation or due to his conviction, the House of Peoples' Representatives and the House of the Federation shall, by an extra-ordinary joint session convened by the Speaker of either of the Houses or by the Speakers of both Houses jointly, designate an acting President.

9. The Acting President designated pursuant to Article 8 of this Proclamation shall hand over the presidency to the President elected in accordance with Article 3 of this Proclamation.

PART THREE
Ex-President

10. An Ex-President shall remain part of the presidential institution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

11. An Ex-President shall remain, through out his life time, loyal to the objectives of the Presidential institution.

12. An Ex-President shall have the following responsibilities and duties:
(a) to support and defend the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
(b) to keep the secrecy of national affairs and information, he has obtained in the course of his service as President;
(c) to refrain from any unethical practices which dishonor the Presidential institution of the Republic;
(d) to ascertain that all his private businesses and activities are not inconsistent with the Principles and Provisions provided for in this Proclamation.

13. Rights and Benefits of an Ex-President

1) An Ex-President shall be entitled to the following rights and benefits:
(a) a regular house of residence to be maintained
13. (a) a monthly maintenance allowance of birr 5,000.00 (five thousand birr) which may be improved, by the House of Peoples' Representatives, having regard to the cost of living;
(b) to have the service of private security forces at his own disposal, and other servants for his house work, at the expense of the government;
(c) to obtain medical facilities, free of charge, for himself and his family;
(d) The monthly maintenance allowance of an Ex-President, shall continue, upon his death, to be disbursed to his widow and to his descendents who have not attained majority.

2) Notwithstanding the Provisions of Sub-Article (1) of this Article, an Ex-President who has been removed by a legal action shall not enjoy the rights and benefits set forth in this Article.

PART FOUR
Termination of the Rights and Benefits of Ex-President

14. The rights and benefits of an Ex-President provided for in Article 13 of this proclamation may be terminated where:
(a) he chooses to waive these rights, privileges and benefits and notifies, in writing, his decision to the House of Peoples' Representatives;
(b) he fails to discharge his obligations and a joint decision has been given by the Speakers of the House of peoples' Representatives and the House of the Federation or by an extra-ordinary joint session of the two Houses they convene.

15. Effective Date
This Proclamation shall enter into force as of the 8th day of October, 2001.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 8th day of October, 2001.

GIRMA WOLDE GIORGIS
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA