ETA general election under way

1st January 2008

ETA has three bodies to govern the association, namely Executive Committee, Central Council and General Congress. This governing bodies occupy leadership positions through election which is held every four year under normal Condition as clearly shown in its regulation chapter 4 Article 15. This is stressed in the previously 20th Ordinary Council meeting held this year in Bahir Dar. It was underlined that teachers be encouraged so that they elect their leaders who assume leadership positions for the upcoming four years. The election was planned to be:

- in the months of November & December 2007 at Basic/school level,
- in the months of January & February 2005 at woreda /district level,
- in the months of March & April 2008 at Zonal level,
- in the month of May 2008 at Regional level and finally
- in the end of June 2008 at National (head quarter)level.

Therefore, if things go according to plan the election starts in November 2007 & finalizes at the end of 2008.

The election should be transparent, democratic, and Participatory to invite vibrant, strong & committed teachers with negotiation capacity. For the election to be fruitful, ETA has advertised it using various media including news papers, TV & various radio channels. Specifically, ETA has paid 28,395.99 ETB money for the Ethiopian Television and Radio Enterprise for 8 TV spots and 8 radio advertisements to be transmitted for the duration of one month -in the month of December, 2007.

In addition, ETA has published poster and distributed it to the regions. Hence, again ETA calls up on all concerned, and especially teachers of Ethiopia to highly commit themselves to strengthen their association by democratically participating in the election process and elect strong & committed teachers to lead their association.