

EPP and EDP Agree to Work Towards Forming One Party

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The newly formed Eritrean People's Party (EPP) and the Eritrean Democratic Party (EDP) have agreed in a leadership meeting that ended on 24 August 2008 in Frankfurt, Germany, to work towards forming one party within a short time possible.

All transition arrangements are to be worked out within the next 16 months, with the possible merger of the two parties by the end of 2009 or thereafter.



A few details about the meeting are provided in a joint final statement. The transition phase that will lead to the unification of the two parties is to be led by a six-person Joint Coordination Body the will include the two chairmen, Mesfin Hagos of the EDP and Woldeyesus Ammar of the newly formed EPP.

The meeting was attended by five leadership members from each side.



From the EPP side were Woldeyesus Ammar, Tesfai Woldemichael (Degiga), Amanuel Habte, Dr Aklilu Ghirmai and Neguse Tseggai. The EDP was represented by Mesfin Hagos, Berhane (Brash) Ghebre-Egziabeher, Desbele Mehari, Abdul-Aziz Hassen and Amanuel Hagos.