



### **Minister Workneh: Ethiopia and UK Enjoy a Common Vision & Friendship for Global Peace & Prosperity**

Minister Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu bade farewell to Amb. Susanna Moorehead, the outgoing UK Ambassador to Ethiopia and Djibouti (non-resident) and Permanent Representative to the AU and UN Economic Commission for Africa earlier this morning.

Minister Workneh thanked and appreciated the Ambassador's endeavor to enhance and complement relations between Ethiopia and UK, highlighting the true friendship & common vision both countries enjoyed including collaboration on a myriad of issues of mutual concern at regional and global levels.

He said, "Our long-standing historical and important relation has garnered practical outcomes as Ethiopia is undertaking sweeping reforms in good governance, opening up political space and democratization." He added, "Independent, strong & trustworthy institutions are vital bedrocks to bring progress in democratization and we call for the international community to support our endeavor on this regard."

Ambassador Susanna Moorehead expressed her country's continued commitment to support Ethiopia and the efforts of ensuring regional peace, stability and economic integration in the Horn of Africa. She said, "I'm pleased to witness Ethiopia's political transition during my tenure of duty and Ethiopia has been a stabilizing force in a difficult and highly uncertain region." "The UK is keen to support Ethiopia in human capital development, job creation and institution building," she added.

Minister Workneh punctuated the need to further bolster trade and investment ties between Ethiopia and the United Kingdom. He said, "Ethiopia and the UK have enjoyed rich diplomatic relations covering a range of areas, including trade, culture, education and development cooperation."

Minister Workneh awarded the Ambassador Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her outstanding contribution in enhancing the bilateral ties between Ethiopia and the UK.

The UK was among the first countries to open an embassy in Addis Ababa, while Ethiopia was the first African country to establish an embassy in London