



Ethiopia's FM Receives EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship (November 13, 2018)

Ethiopia's Foreign Minister Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu received and held talks with Dimitris Avramopoulos, EU Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship at his offices this afternoon.

The two officials discussed the ongoing comprehensive reforms in Ethiopia and aspects of regional peace and security. They also agreed to elevate the all rounded cooperation between Ethiopia and the EU.

Dr Workneh noted that unemployment has been one of the main sources of migration in Africa, and mentioned the common understanding with the EU to expand the cooperation on job creation initiatives, as well as stemming illegal migration through cooperation platforms to facilitate ways for legal migration.

He noted the rapprochement between Ethiopia and Eritrea and its peace dividend to the region, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He also said that the situation in South Sudan and Somalia has improved significantly, and in such score, the two sides have agreed to expedite the cooperation with the view to bringing sustainable peace in these two countries.

Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos noted the ongoing reforms in Ethiopia and assured Dr Workneh of EU's support.

The Commissioner also expressed EU's commitment to expand the level of cooperation in areas of poverty reduction and job creation as well as in the efforts of tackling illegal migration along with facilitating legal ways and means for Ethiopians to live and work in Europe.