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President Barack Obama
The White House
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Dear President Obama;

African Think Tank congratulations on winning the Nobel Prize

On behalf of the African Think Tank in Australia, its many member organisations and members, I would like to offer you the most heartfelt and sincere congratulations on winning the Nobel Peace Prize.

Seldom if ever, has the prize been better bestowed. This award is not merely a vote of thanks and recognition from the international community for your achievements and programs since being elected to the Presidency, excellent and outstanding that these are. It should also be seen as recognition of your whole career as a senator, and your perseverance and dedication in following that career to the highest office in the world.

That struggle cannot have been easy, but you undertook it, not for yourself alone, but for the benefit of all. Your election was the greatest beacon of hope, peace, and unity that the world has seen in fifty years. It showed the world that the American dream was not dead. It gave hope to people from minorities and culturally diverse communities all over the world. It was the greatest and most undeniable proof to the whole world that everyone can aspire to greatness, no matter how humble their origins. Your election and subsequent work have revitalised peaceful diplomacy worldwide.

For this, and for the commitment to fairness and social justice that you have shown throughout your career and since attaining the presidency, the whole world congratulates you.

Yours sincerely;

Berhan Ahmed (Dr.)
Victorian Australian of the Year 2009
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