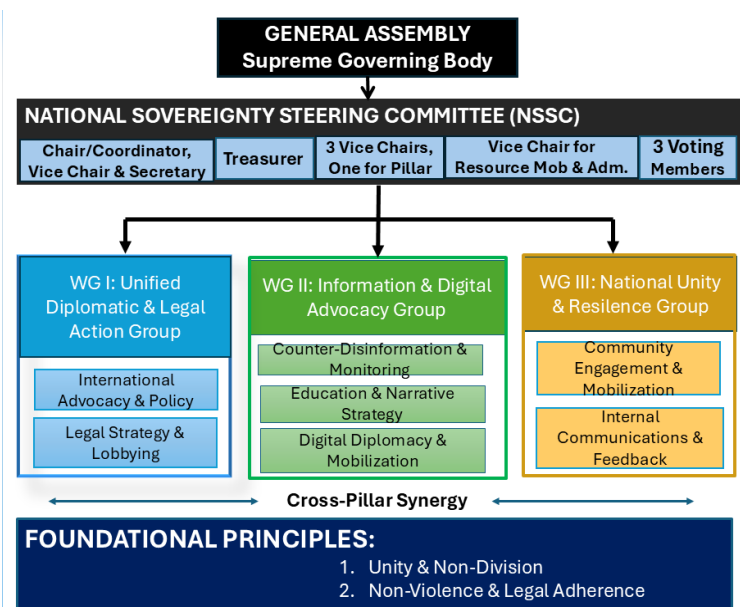


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Guardians of Eritrean Sovereignty: NSSC Elected to Lead Eritrea's Resolute Defense Against Ethiopian Aggression



Eritrean Global Diaspora - November 2, 2025 - In a momentous step to fortify Eritrea's national sovereignty against illegal and belligerent Ethiopian aggression, the Eritrean Sovereignty Defense Task Force (ESDTF), operating under the strategic codename "***The Sovereignty Imperative***," proudly announces the election of its inaugural National Sovereignty Steering Committee (NSSC) leadership. The

elections, held yesterday, November 1, 2025, mark a pivotal moment in mobilizing the global Eritrean diaspora to proactively defend the nation's sovereignty, territorial integrity and future.

This significant development follows the foundational seminar on October 18, 2025, organized by the Organization of Eritrean Unity (OEU) and its partners, which laid the groundwork for the ESDTF. The enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by Eritreans worldwide have culminated in the establishment of a robust, civilian-led initiative dedicated to safeguarding Eritrea through a globally coordinated, non-violent, and legally compliant three-pillar strategy.

NSSC Leadership Takes Helm: Spearheading Eritrea's Unwavering Stand Against Ethiopian Aggression

The National Sovereignty Steering Committee (NSSC), now fully constituted through yesterday's elections, stands as the apex strategic and decision-making body of the ESDTF. Its eleven voting members and optional Legal Advisor are poised to provide the leadership, oversight, and cross-pillar synergy essential for the Task Force's success. The NSSC's mandate, as defined by the ESDTF Bylaws, includes:

- **Strategic Oversight:** Defining objectives and ensuring consistent alignment of all Task Force activities with the foundational three-pillar strategy.

- **Cross-Pillar Synergy:** Facilitating seamless coordination and integration across the three specialized Working Groups.
- **High-Level Liaison:** Serving as the primary interface with the OEU, external governmental entities, international organizations (e.g., UN, AU), and other high-level stakeholders.
- **Decision-Making Authority:** Exercising final decision-making on all strategic, policy, and cross-cutting operational issues.
- **Resource Allocation & Management:** Approving budgets, overseeing fundraising, and ensuring judicious utilization of resources.
- **Risk Management:** Identifying and mitigating potential strategic and operational risks.
- **Performance Monitoring:** Establishing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and regularly reviewing the efficacy and impact of ESDTF initiatives.

The Pillars of Defense: Operationalizing the Strategy

Under the NSSC's direction, three specialized Implementation Working Groups (WGs), each led by an NSSC Vice-Chair, will execute the core strategic pillars:

- **WG I: The Unified Diplomatic and Legal Action Group ("The Unified Diplomatic Force")**
 - ✓ **Objective:** To proactively shape international policy, counter adverse narratives, and impose political and legal costs on entities challenging Eritrean sovereignty.
 - ✓ **Functions:** Develop comprehensive engagement strategies for international bodies, draft authoritative policy papers, compile irrefutable legal evidence, and execute targeted lobbying campaigns in key global capitals.
 - ✓ **Leadership:** Vice-Chair, Working Group I (elected NSSC member).
- **WG II: The Information and Digital Advocacy Group ("The Disciplined Information Vanguard")**
 - ✓ **Objective:** To guard the truth, counter disinformation, and proactively disseminate accurate narratives about Eritrean sovereignty and national identity.
 - ✓ **Functions:** Establish real-time monitoring of hostile narratives, implement rigorous fact-checking, produce high-impact content, develop global education initiatives, and organize coordinated digital action for mobilization. All external communications will undergo rigorous vetting for credible, verifiable evidence.
 - ✓ **Leadership:** Vice-Chair, Working Group II (elected NSSC member).

- **WG III: The National Unity and Resilience Group ("The Unwavering Custodians of National Identity")**
 - ✓ **Objective:** To foster unity within the diaspora, strengthen national identity, and build resilience against divisive external influences.
 - ✓ **Functions:** Actively reject internal divisions through town halls and community events, design cultural and educational programs reinforcing national heritage, and ensure consistent internal messaging across all Eritrean communities globally.
 - ✓ **Leadership:** Vice-Chair, Working Group III (elected NSSC member).

Foundational Principles Guiding All Actions

The ESDTF and its leadership are bound by immutable principles enshrined in its Bylaws: **Unwavering Unity**, ensuring all internal differences are transcended for the national cause; **Non-Violence & Legal Adherence**, strictly operating within international and national laws as a civilian-led initiative; a **Singular Voice** in all external communications, meticulously approved by the NSSC; **Professionalism & Integrity** in all conduct; and **Transparency & Accountability** to the General Assembly and the wider Eritrean diaspora.

The election of the NSSC leadership marks the full operationalization of "**The Sovereignty Imperative**." The ESDTF now stands ready, with its leadership in place, to mobilize the collective strength of the Eritrean diaspora, ensuring that Eritrea's sovereignty and territorial integrity are unequivocally recognized, respected, and unassailable on the global stage.

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