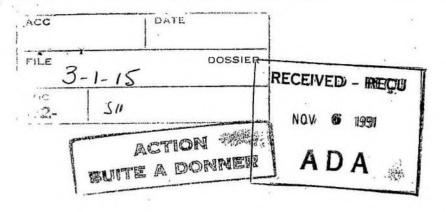
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---ASSIGNMENT OF HOMOSEXUAL EMPLOYEES

AS FAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN, GOE HAS NO/NO POLICY ON ASSIGNMENT OF HOMOSEXUAL EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA WOULD BE DICTATED BY SOCIETAL MORES. HOMOSEXUALITY IS NOT/NOT EVIDENT AMONGST ANY OF TRIBES/NATIONALITIES AND CONCEPT OF IT IS NOT/NOT ACCEPTED. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN IN RECENT PAST

2.OUR ETHIOPIAN CONTACTS ADVISE THAT A HOME-BASED EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER PRACTISING HIS/HER PREFERENCE OPENLY WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE'SHUNNED BY ETHIOPIANS INCLUDING OFFICIAL INTERLOCUTORS. AN ETHIOPIAN PRACTISING HOMOSEXUALITY OPENLY WOULD BE OSTRACISED FROM SOCIETY.

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