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AIAA Houston Section International Activities Committee (IAC) mirrors the AIAA IAC.

New Ethiopia–USA Sister Sections AIAA Houston Section and the Addis Ababa branch of The Ethiopian Space Science Society (ESSS)

[Douglas Yazell, AIAA Houston Section acting Chair for our Section's International Activities Committee (IAC), March 19, 2017]

As of February 7, 2017, AIAA Houston Section and the Addis Ababa branch of The Ethiopian Space Science Society (ESSS, http://www.ethiosss.org.et) are sister sections. The one-page proclamation shown here is was the subject our voting. The following paragraph provides more information.

The territory of AIAA Houston Section includes more than the metropolitan Houston area, including the city of College Station, the location of Texas A&M University, but not the next three or four largest cities in Texas; Dallas (and Fort Worth), San Antonio, or Austin. ESSS includes approximately 20 branches located in different regional states of Ethiopia. Their business locations are within universities in order to enhance the participation of professional communities. The branch in Addis Ababa is simply named ESSS. Other branches are named based on location. Some examples are: Jima ESSS branch, Bahir Dar ESSS branch, and Mekele ESSS branch. This proclamation refers to the sister section as ESSS, meaning the Addis Ababa branch of ESSS.

Angela Beck did a great job in initiating, organizing, and following though with our December 2015 AIAA Houston Section Ethiopia — USA dinner meeting in Space Center Houston. Here is a link to our 22-page newsletter-style draft news article about that event. After I was asked in 2017 to serve as Acting Chair for AIAA Houston Section International Activities Committee (IAC), I proposed this sister section idea, following the since-1987 examples in AIAA Houston Section.

We are creating a version of this one-page proclamation using electronic signatures resembling handwriting. For privacy concerns, that version of the proclamation is less important than the version shown here, a version using similar-to-handwriting fonts for signatures.

A suggestion for a minimum amount of sister section work is creating newsletter articles on a regular basis, at least quarterly.

Houston contact people are Angela Beck, Thomas Haregot, and Dr. Yared Kidane. Addis Ababa contact people are Dr. Tulu Besha Bedada and Dr. Berhan Gessesse, two of our guests of honor for the December 2015 dinner meeting in Houston.

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The Ethiopian Space Science Society (ESSS, <u>www.ethiosss.org.et</u>) The Addis Ababa branch of ESSS Dr. Tulu Besha Bedada, Dr. Berhan Gessesse AIAA Houston Section (www.aiaahouston.org) A. Beck, T. Haregot, Dr. Y. Kidane www.aiaahouston.org/iac/#news





A Proclamation issued jointly by The Houston Section of The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and The Ethiopian Space Science Society (ESSS)

Whereas The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Houston Section welcomed Ethiopian guests of honor for our December 2015 dinner meeting in Space Center Houston, including two scientists of the Ethiopian Space Science Society, following the initiative

Angela Beck Angela Beck

Whereas AIAA and ESSS are professional societies with member scientists and engineers working to advance the arts, science and technology of space science and related fields both nations, and

Whereas ESSS and AIAA Houston Section share many technical interests and both work to be of service to our professions and to improve the lives of people everywhere, and

Whereas it is the desire of the members of ESSS and AIAA Houston Section to establish and recognize a special relationship fostering good will and understanding between their members, Now, therefore, do they declare themselves to be

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and do extend the hand of friendship, and the pledge of cooperation in all things as befits this relationship.

Houston Texas USA: February 7, 2017	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, February 7, 2017
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Douglas Yazell chose the green background with the human-induced climate crisis in mind. See <u>climate.nasa.gov</u>. (As that website mentions, NASA does not promote any particular climate policy.)

