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THE CROWN COUNCIL OF ETHIOPIA

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PRESIDENT

**CROWN COUNCIL CONGRATULATES SWEDEN'S
KING CARL XVI GUSTAF**

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With great pleasure, the Crown Council of Ethiopia congratulates King Carl XVI Gustaf on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie, President of the Crown Council, and his wife Princess Saba convey their warmest wishes to King Carl and wish him many more years of good health and happiness. His Majesty's devoted and dutiful service to his people is an example to all, and the Ethiopian Crown Council heartily congratulates him on this milestone.

In a statement to the press, Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie noted, "Our countries and our royal families have long ties of friendship. Indeed, my grandfather Emperor Haile Selassie I first visited Sweden when he was Crown Prince back in 1924 and met with the king's grandfather King Gustaf V Adolf. Princess Saba and I recall with great warmth our visit with King Carl and Queen Silvia in March of 2018."

This week marks not only King Carl's birthday but the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and Sweden. The king himself has fondly recalled his visit to Ethiopia as a young naval officer and has in the intervening years always taken a keen interest in the well-being of Ethiopians living in their new home of Sweden.

Prince Ermias said to the press, "I pray for continued warm relations between Ethiopia and Sweden. I pray also that His Majesty enjoys a long life and good health, and I extend my wishes to Her Majesty Queen Silvia and their entire family."

