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Ambassador Mohammed-Seid conveyed President Isaias Afwerki's greetings to President Ahmadinejad, and asserted that he would do his level best in reinforcing bilateral relations.

President Ahmadinejad voiced his country's readiness to enhance all-round relations with Eritrea.

Meanwhile, in a meeting he held yesterday with Mr. Ali Akbar Salihi, the Iranian Foreign

Minister, Ambassador Mohammed-Seid indicated that the Eritrean government is working on priority



basis in the development of the agriculture sector and human resource, besides laying the necessary infrastructure in this regard. He further elucidated that Eritrea has visibly encouraged investment in the mining sector, and pointed out that collaboration of stakeholders is vital to this end.

Mr. Ali Akbar Salihi said that reinforcement of diplomatic efforts on both parties is a major prerequisite in the further development of Eritrean-Iranian relations, and that Iran would exert the necessary endeavors to this end.