STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on the restoring of control over the port city of Barawe in Somalia

"We welcome the success of the African Union Mission to Somalia (AMISOM) and the Somali National Army in restoring control over the port city of Barawe. Barawe was the last stronghold under Al-Shabab control providing a key source of income from illegal charcoal trade.

This is a significant success and an important step for the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) towards re-establishing territorial sovereignty.

The EU reaffirms its support for the FGS and the political process that is rebuilding functioning state institutions and an accountable political system."

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