Five EU Ambassadors jointly their present

credentials to the President of Somalia

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Today, the EU Ambassadors of Germany, Margit Hellwig-Bötte, France, Etienne De

Poncins, Spain, Javier Herrera García-Canturri, Belgium, Bart Ouvry, and Finland,

Sofie From-Emmesberger, have presented jointly their credentials to the President

of Somalia to become their countries' first Ambassadors to the Federal Republic of

Somalia for over 21 years.

With the accreditation of five EU Member States' Ambassadors to Somalia, the EU

expresses its genuine commitment to the people of Somalia and underlines its

confidence in the new political dispensation. The EU's partnership with Somalia is

based upon respect for Somali ownership and responsibility.

The EU also believes that this partnership can support Somalia in laying the

foundation for a better future for its people. The EU embraces the government's

priorities to reconcile the nation, build a federal state, establish security and rule

of law, ensure transparent financial management and live in peace with itself and

its neighbours. END

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