Press release by the EU Special Envoy to Somalia

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The EU Special Envoy to Somalia, Michele Cervone d'Urso, congratulates Abdiweli Mohammed Ali Gaas for his election as President of Puntland State of Somalia.

"*It was a true privilege to witness today democracy in the making. I commend the people of Puntland, the elders, religious scholars, all candidates and the Parliament for a transparent and orderly process in which the interest of Puntland was put first. The elections pave the way to reconnect Puntland and Somalia to the democratic process",* said the EU Special Envoy.

"*I would also like to applaud the statesmanship and dignity of President Farole. His legacy in ending the transition and building a State that will spearhead a Federal Somalia will not be forgotten*."

The EU stands by Puntland and looks forward to work closely with the new President and his Government. (END)

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