Joint statement by the EU, UN and IGAD Envoys to Somalia: International partners welcome reconciliation progress in Kismayo

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The European Union (EU), the United Nations, and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) welcomed the agreement by Col Barre Adan Shire (Barre Hiiraale) to participate in a reconciliation process and for his irregular military forces to present themselves for screening and potential integration into the Somali National Army (SNA) with the support of the Federal Government of Somalia.

"*We welcome this agreement between Col Barre Hiiraale and the Interim Jubba Administration brokered by the Federal Government of Somalia. It is an important step forward in the path towards peace- and state-building for all Somalis.*
We stand ready to support a reconciliation conference in the coming weeks and urge all parties to engage in constructive consultation and reconciliation involving all stakeholders, ensuring that the interests of all communities are protected. Somalia's international partners remain committed to supporting the nation's peace and state-building agenda". (END)

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