Joint statement by envoys of the UN, the EU, IGAD and the current Chair of the IGAD Council of Ministers, Ethiopia

International partners welcome agreement between the Federal Government and Puntland

Garowe, 14 October 2014

The United Nations, the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Ethiopia in its capacity as the Chair of the IGAD Council of Ministers, and the European Union (EU) welcomed the agreement signed today between the Federal Government of Somalia and Puntland State of Somalia to resume relations and work together on peace and state-building priorities.

"We welcome the agreement reached today between the Federal Government of Somalia and Puntland State of Somalia. This agreement is an important step forward in the path towards peace- and state-building for all Somalis. Puntland with its 16 years of experience in state building and governance has much to contribute to building a strong, peaceful, federal, democratic and united Somalia. Many crucial steps must be jointly taken in the coming months, including reviewing and implementing a Federal constitution and holding elections in 2016. We stand ready to support the implementation of this agreement, including through the New Deal Somali Compact. Somalia's international partners remain committed to supporting the nation's peace and state-building agenda in full respect of the Provisional Federal Constitution". End.

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