High Representative / Vice-President Mogherini and Commissioner Mimica attend High Level Partnership Forum for Somalia in Copenhagen

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High Representative/Vice-President, Federica **Mogherini**, and European Commissioner for International Co-operation and Development, Neven **Mimica**, will attend the High Level Partnership Forum for Somalia in Copenhagen. The event will be co-chaired by the President of Somalia, the Federal Government of Somalia and the UN and is hosted by Denmark. This will be the first high level meeting taking stock of progress since the EU-Somalia Conference in Brussels (16 September 2013), which endorsed the Somali Compact, agreeing on a partnership framework that looks ahead to elections in Somalia in 2016.

Significant progress has taken place in the past months, which should not be hindered by the current political tensions. The EU has engaged comprehensively in providing support to the post-transition process, the security gains and the overall New Deal process and programmes. Inclusive politics and dialogue remain the main avenue to address Somalia's challenges.

The Copenhagen conference should provide renewed impetus to the political process and signal our joint commitment to a stable and Federal Somalia. The meeting will be an excellent opportunity to discuss the best ways to move forward a complex political process and restate our support to a Somali-driven state building processes that the EU has consistently supported.

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