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Today, the High Representative/Vice President Federica Mogherini met with Somalia's Prime Minister Hassan Ali Khaire in Brussels.

Both discussed the situation in Somalia, and the current political, economic and security reforms undertaken by the Government. They stressed the European Union's critical role as the main partner in support of the country's transition. They noted that, while high challenges remained, some encouraging progress had been made and should be maintained.

The High Representative/Vice President Federica Mogherini highlighted the link between the implementation of Somalia's transition plan for security, the implementation of economic reforms and the political roadmap towards elections in 2020.

The High Representative/Vice President Federica Mogherini welcomed the commitment of the government of Somalia to progressively assume the lead role in providing security for its people and to implement reforms in line with the National Security Architecture agreed in April 2017. In this context, the High Representative/Vice President Federica Mogherini expressed the EU's full support and commitment to the Transition Plan as the central piece of security reform in Somalia.

The High Representative/Vice President Federica Mogherini confirmed the EU's readiness to continue supporting the country, through an integrated approach using all available policies and instruments, including Common Security and Defence Policy missions and development cooperation funds. She also looked forward to the upcoming Somalia partnership platform.

This meeting came ahead of the Somalia Security High Level Meeting which takes place this morning and gathers ministers and senior officials from Federal Government of Somalia, Federal Member States of Somalia, the EU, United Nations, the African Union, AMISOM and its Troop Contributing Countries as well as other international partners, in support of the Somali Transition Plan.
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