

**PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA  
AND THE OGADEN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (ONLF) FACILITATED BY  
THE KENYA FACILITATION TEAM - NAIROBI, KENYA**

**DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES**

We, representatives of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as the FDRE) and the Ogaden National Liberation Front (hereinafter referred to as ONLF):

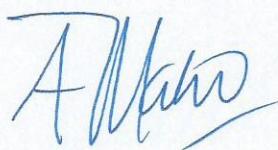
***Cognisant*** of the importance of the unique opportunity of facilitation afforded by the Kenyan facilitation team to reach a negotiated solution to the conflict in the Ogaden;

***Concerned*** by the negative consequences of the conflict in the Ogaden in Ethiopia;

***Hereby agree*** to the following Declaration of Principles (DOP) that would constitute the basis for resolving the conflict;

- Formal negotiations between the Ethiopian government and the Ogaden National Liberation Front shall be held to resolve the conflict;
- The common goal of the afore mentioned negotiations shall be the attainment of a just and lasting peace;
- Such negotiations shall be comprehensive and address the substantive issues that are the root causes of the conflict;
- The holding of negotiations must be in accordance with mutually acceptable principles and no preconditions shall be made to negate the inherent character and purpose of the peace negotiations;
- The substantive agenda of the peace negotiations shall include issues that will facilitate the implementation of any peace agreement;
- Both parties shall agree to specific measures of goodwill and confidence building in order to create a favourable climate for the negotiations;

**Parties agreed that the date of the next meeting will be on the 8th of October 2012 in Kenya.**



Parties agreed on the following agenda and issues:

**AGENDA**

- Peaceful resolution of the conflict in the Ogaden

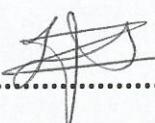
**ISSUES**

- Political issue
- Security
- Human rights and humanitarian issue
- Economic/Natural resources

This declaration was agreed on 7th day of September 2012 by:

**Head of delegation - Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia**

**Hon Siraj Fegessa - Minister for Defence, Ethiopia**

Signed.....  Date: 7 SEP 2012

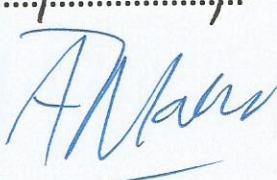
**Head of delegation - Ogaden National Liberation Front**

**Hon Abdirahman Mohamed Mahdi - Foreign Secretary, ONLF**

Signed:  Date: Sept 7, 2012

**Witnessed by the chair of the Kenyan facilitation team**

**Hon Mohamed Yusuf Haji - Minister of State for Defence and Ag Minister for Provincial Administration and Internal Security, Kenya**

Signed:  Date: 7th September, 2012 .  
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**The Delegation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE):**

1. Hon Siraj Fegessa - Head of delegation
2. Gebre Adhana
3. Zeynu Jemal
4. Alemu Kitata
5. Mesfin Awulachew
6. Sabir Keda
7. Kassa Melaku

**The Delegation of the Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF):**

1. Hon Abdirahman Mohamed Mahdi - Head of delegation
2. Mohamud Abass
3. Ahmed Abdi Yassin
4. Ahmed Gurhan
5. Hassan Ali Moalim
6. Mohamud Ugaas Muhumed
7. Sulub Abdi Ahmed

**The Kenya Government Facilitation Team:**

1. Hon Mohamed Yusuf Haji - Chair
2. Hon Mohamed Abdi Affey
3. Hon Yusuf Hassan Abdi
4. Ali Bunow Korane