

**Consultative Meeting of the Somali Signatories of the Process for Ending the Transition**

Nairobi, 4-6 August 2012

Draft Communique

1. The Principal Signatories of the Roadmap met in Nairobi on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.

2. They agreed on the following:

i. The selection of members of Parliament (MPs) from Dhulbahante was agreed by two Dhulbahante participants, namely Minister Dahir Khalif of Puntland State of Somalia and Mr. Abdi Karim Hassan Jama and facilitated by Deputy Prime Minister Abdi Wahab Ugas Hussein Ugas Khalif and Professor Abdirizak Osman Hassan. This Committee reported back to the Signatories, chaired by President Sheikh Sharif, which endorsed the suggested mechanism which is as follows:

- a. All the traditional elders of the Dhulbahante who are currently in Mogadishu have to come together and consult each other to nominate their MPs.
- b. All the elders have to collectively sign the agreed list of Dhulbahante MPs, whether it is Dhulbahante elders who came from Garowe or those who stayed in Mogadishu.
- c. The four Dhulbahante elders who are currently in the list of 135 elders will remain unchanged.
- d. The 8 Dhulbahante MPs will be 3 and 5, chosen respectively, by the Dhulbahante elders who came from Garowe and those who stayed in Mogadishu. The elders of the two groups will get together in Mogadishu to consult and agree on the list of eight MP nominees as per the above formula, and collectively sign the list of the agreed nominees and submit them to the Technical Selection Committee.

3. The Signatories further agreed that the selection of 275 members of Parliament (MPs) will proceed as planned and that of the Upper House before 20 August in accordance with the Garowe Principles. The criteria for selection of the MPs will be according to the Garowe Principles. In the case of education criteria, it will be secondary school education plus relevant experience or informal education plus relevant experience. Where there are individual controversies in interpretation, the Technical Selection Committee will decide.

4. The Signatories also agreed that the election of the Speaker and President will be in accordance with the Garowe Principles.

5. The Signatories furthermore expressed deep concern about the safety, security, independence and integrity of members of the Technical Selection Committee as well as their accommodation and working conditions and agreed to take necessary action to improve these conditions immediately. UNPOS will take this responsibility in coordination with the AMISOM.

6. The Signatories strongly condemned the use of intimidation and bribery to undermine the selection of MPs. Any use of bribery, threats and intimidation in this process is totally unacceptable. If any person is found to be using such illegal means, that person will be immediately disqualified and subject to legal action.

7. While empowering the Technical Selection Committee to carry out its tasks independently, the Signatories urged the members of the Committee to work properly and transparently within the framework of their terms of reference contained in the Protocols establishing the Technical Selection Committee and refrain from any manipulative actions.

8. The issue of Galmadug was raised and it was agreed that it will be subject to further consultation between President Alin, President Sheikh Sharif and Speaker Sharif Hassan to find a solution.

