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## **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA AND PUNTLAND STATE OF SOMALIA**

Garowe, 14 October, 2014

**Preamble:** A delegation from the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) led by the Prime Minister, H.E. Abdiweli Sheikh Ahmed, paid a working visit to Puntland State of Somalia, from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014. Following detail talks on many of the standing issues, the two parties agreed on the following:

### **1. Constitution and Federalism**

#### **1.1. Concerns on changes of the Federal Constitution:**

The Federal Government of Somalia acknowledges the concerns raised by the Puntland government about changes to the Federal Constitution. The two parties agree that the issue will be referred to the Federal parliament and the parliament of Puntland. The Federal Government will facilitate this process.

#### **1.2. Completion and Implementation of Federal Constitution:**

The two parties agree that the completion and implementation of the federal constitution shall be done according to Chapter 15 of the Provisional Federal Constitution.

#### **1.3. Formation of Federal Member States:**

- The formation of Federal Member States shall be in accordance with the Federal Constitution.
- The parties agree that the interim administration of the central state facilitated by FGS shall consist of Galgaduud and southern Mudug. Likewise, Northern Mudug is an integral part of Puntland State.

#### **1.4. Building of Inclusive National Army:**

The two parties agree that the building of an inclusive national army shall be conducted according to Garowe agreement of 11 March, 2013 signed by H. E. Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon and H.E. President Abdirahman Sheikh Mohamed Mohamud Faroole which reads as follows "to build a balanced and

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integrated national army that is recruited from all regions and districts of the country.”

## **2. Previous Agreements**

- The two parties agree that the previous agreements between the FGS and the Government of Puntland are binding and shall be implemented according to the latest agreement of 2013 signed by H.E. the Prime Minister Abdi Farah Shirdon and the Government of Puntland.
- In view of the lack of implementation of previous agreements, the two parties agreed to establish a joint committee for implementing all previous agreements including this agreement with the active participation of the relevant institutions.

## **3. Consultations between the Federal Government of Somalia and the Government of Puntland on issues pertaining to international agreements on development**

The two parties agree to engage in consultation on issues related to international agreements on development as stipulated in Article 53 of the Federal Constitution.

## **4. Sharing International Aid and Assistance Received in the Name of Somalia:**

The two parties agree to ensure fair distribution of aid and assistance received in the name of Somalia.

## **5. Vision 2016**

- The two parties agree that there have been inadequate consultations on the implementation of Vision 2016.
- The two parties agree to engage in a dialogue on Vision 2016 in order to overcome the existing challenges.

## **6. Recovered National Assets**

The two parties agree that all recovered assets shall be shared fairly and shall ensure that the recovery process is transparent.

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## **7. Recognition of Puntland Secondary School Certificate:**

- The Puntland secondary school certificate shall be in form and format equivalent to the one issued by the Ministry of Education of the Federal Government.
- The said certificate shall clearly show the Somali National emblem and the name of the Federal Government of Somalia. Likewise, it shall have the name of Puntland State and that of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Puntland.
- The Federal Government of Somalia recognizes the certificate of Puntland cited in this agreement as per above.
- The FGS shall officially write to the Government of Sudan and any other parties of interest, clarifying that the FGS recognizes the centralized examinations administered by Puntland.

## **8. Federal Government Appointments**

The two parties agree that the appointments of Federal Government positions such as officers of the armed forces, civil servants, members of the independent commissions and diplomats etc. shall be done fairly with the view of adequate representation of women.

## **9. Restitutions of Property**

The two parties agreed that restitution of property shall be implemented as per article 6 section 6.1 of the agreement signed on March 11, 2013 which states the following:

*"The two sides agreed that the Federal Government of Somalia to accelerate the process of returning private properties [to its rightful owners] in order to achieve a real reconciliation, while appointing an independent national commission with powers to implement decisions."*

## **10. Fostering Good Relationship between the Federal Government of Somalia and the Government of Puntland**

The two parties agree to implement the best practices approach articulated in article 1 of the agreement of March 11, 2013 which reads as follows:



- 1.1. To improve the relations and dialogue between the senior leaders of the two governments, to exchange visits and to respect state protocols.
- 1.2. To encourage cooperation between various institutions of Puntland and the Federal Government.
- 1.3. To implement all agreements between Puntland and the Transitional Federal Governments of Somalia, so long as they do not contradict the Constitution.
- 1.4. To respect and implement the Federal Constitution.
- 1.5. To stop and prevent anything that can harm the relations and cooperation between the two sides and to resolve any grievances through dialogue.

#### **11. Issues and Agenda Items Tabled by Puntland and not addressed in this Agreement**

The two parties agreed that issues and agenda items tabled by Puntland and not addressed in this agreement are deferred to future talks between the parties.

#### **12. This agreement ends any misunderstanding between the two parties and ushers a new era of collaboration and cooperation, to further advance the ongoing state building processes at national and state levels and to address security matters.**

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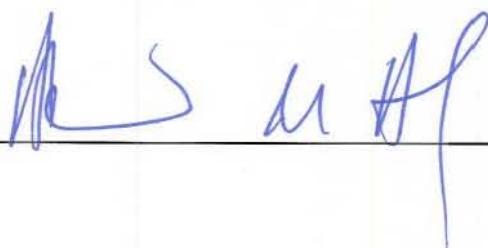


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