

- Strengthening ties with the U.S. to diversify alliances.

Foreign Policy During the Military Government (1974-1991)

- **Foreign Policy Challenges:**
 - Socialist orientation faced condemnation from the West.
 - Internal dissent (Eritrean Liberation Front) and external threats (Somali invasion).
 - Superpower rivalry and dependency on the Soviet Union.
- **Success of Foreign Policy and Diplomacy:**
 - Successful reversal of Somali aggression with Soviet support.
 - Consolidation of relationships with socialist countries.
 - Influence of the USSR in both domestic and foreign affairs.

Post-1991 Foreign Policy

- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure national interest, security, democracy, and development.
 - Prioritize domestic issues to build a strong and self-reliant nation.
 - Use economic diplomacy to attract investments and aid.
- **Strategies:**
 - "Inside-out" approach, focusing on domestic problems first.
 - Economic diplomacy to address poverty, attract investments, and enhance development.
 - Military capability as a deterrence against external threats.

Military Presence in Somalia

- **Realist Perspective:**
 - Ethiopia's military presence ensures strategic advantage and security.
 - Deters potential threats and protects national interest.
- **Idealist Perspective:**
 - Military involvement may contribute to regional stability and peace.
 - Opportunities for diplomatic dialogue and conflict resolution.

Prioritizing Current Foreign Policy Objectives

1. **National Security:** Ensure territorial integrity and protect against external threats.
2. **Economic Diplomacy:** Attract foreign investments and aid for sustainable development.
3. **Regional Stability:** Promote peace and stability in the Horn of Africa.
4. **Diplomacy for Democracy:** Strengthen international relations to support democratic governance.
5. **Military Capability:** Build a modernized military as a deterrent and for national defense.

These objectives may face challenges such as regional conflicts, economic dependencies, and global power dynamics, requiring adaptive and nuanced foreign policy strategies.