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RE: THE KAMPALA ACCORD

Your Excellency,

We, the undersigned members of Concerned Somalis in the Diaspora and inside Somalia, are deeply troubled by the never-ending political quagmires of our country which are often perpetuated and prolonged by unscrupulous “leaders” without vision and popular legitimacy. We expected the mediation efforts by your Representative and the President of Uganda will resolve the disagreement between the leaders of the Transitional Federal Institutions in manner consistent with the interests of the Somali people. Unfortunately, the President and the Speaker chose to put their self-interest before the interest of their people and nation. In this context, the substance of the recent Kampala Accord signed by the President of Somalia Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed and the Speaker of the Parliament Sharif Hassan Sheikh Aden, under the auspices of President Yoweri K. Museveni, and your Special Representative Ambassador Augustine P. Mahiga, is seen by all Somalis as consistent with the failed past strategies of the International Community vis-à-vis the search for a solution to Somalia’s prolonged civil and political debacle.

Your Excellency,

While the Somali people appreciate and support your efforts to resolve our country’s two decades long political and humanitarian crises, the Kampala Accord undermines the political and the constitutional framework you helped establish and breaches our national sovereignty. Rather than ending the prevailing political impasse of the Somali political “leaders” in positive manner, the Agreement legitimizes the very dysfunctional and counter-productive culture that created the problem. Instead of offering principled vision for the future beyond the transition period, the Agreement undermines the institutions that it aims to protect while empowering the very same “leaders” that have failed to complete the priority tasks of the Transitional Federal Charter, the Djibouti Agreement, and the countless recommendations put forward by the International Community.

Your Excellency,

One of the principle factors that perpetuated the Somali crises for more than two decades is lack of respect for the legitimate aspirations of the Somali people. In this regard and with respect to the substance of this Accord, the Somali people, both inside and outside the country, have spoken in unison against this Accord as illustrated by the ongoing demonstrations in Mogadishu and throughout the world. The International Community is, therefore, duty-bound to listen to these voices and to empower/assist the Somali people in determining Somali-owned solutions to the current political impasses and to find a forward-looking long term solutions and strategies supported by Somalis.

We, the undersigned members of Concerned Somalis in the Diaspora with roots across Somalia, including activists, educators, intellectuals, and professionals request from the UN General Assembly, the UN Security Council, and the International Community to:

- Reject the Kampala Accord entirely as it undermines Transitional Federal Institutions and infringes Somalia's sovereignty.
- Assist the Somali people in "owning" the necessary solutions to our country's protracted conflict and to respect the spirit of our self-determination and the sovereignty of our country.
- Send a Fact-Finding Mission, headed by neutral observers, to Mogadishu to assess and report to you the consequences of the Accord if implemented as is and the reaction and desires of the Somali people.

Sincerely,

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