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Country/entity Somalia

Region Africa (excl MENA)

Agreement name Consultative Meeting of the Somali Signatories of the Process for Ending the Transition

(End of Transition Roadmap)

Date 6 Aug 2012

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim Yes

arrangement

Somali Civil War (1991 -)

Originally spurred by centre-peripheral tensions, fighting broke out in 1981 between the regime of President Said Barre and the Somali National Movement, a militia primarily consisting of members from the northern Ishaq clan. Fighting intensified in the late 1980s as more clan-based militias arose. President Barre's regime collapsed in late 1991 and as a result the UN intervened. However persistent attacks on the UN's forces forced a withdrawal in 1994. From the mid- to late 1990s, the character of the conflict shifted as warlords fought for access to rents. Also during this period, two different peace agreements arose; the Sodere Declaration, which was mediated by Ethiopia and supported by IGAD, and the Cairo Accord, which was brokered by Egypt. Fighting, already noticeably lessened compared to the early 1990s, decreased and the more amicable environment paved the way for the Transitional Government to be formed in 2000 (replaced in 2004 by the Transitional Federal Government).

Nonetheless, opposition to the TFG arose in the form of the Islamic Courts Union (ICU), which by early 2006 had taken control of most of southern Somalia until they were ousted by an armed intervention by Ethiopia in December 2006. As a result, the ICU splintered. Hard-line ICU members formed the Takfiri organization, Harakat al-Shabaab al-Mujahideen, and launched a guerrilla campaign against the TFG. Another faction of the ICU fled to Djibouti and formed the Alliance for the Re-liberation of Somalia, which was absorbed into the ruling TFG after successful negotiations in 2007.

To deal with the new round of fighting, the UN-mandated AMISOM force was deployed in 2007. Since then, insecurity has fluctuated between the urban and rural areas as the al-Shabaab's territorial gains waver. Local militia leaders maintain de facto governance over communities. From 2009 to 2012, insecurity spilled over into the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean when Somali pirates seized, looted and ransomed ships. In 2014, 'Operation Indian Ocean' was launched and in parallel with infighting among al-Shabaab, the organisation's position in Somalia has diminished slightly. However, as evidenced by large-scale attacks by al-Shabaab in northern Kenya throughout 2013-2015, the lack of security continues to destabilize the region. Al-Shabaab continues to launch surprise attacks with the aim of forcing out foreign military presence in Somalia. Targets include both military forces and civilians. The devastating attack in October 2017 in Mogadishu saw 587 fatalities and resulted in a renewed military offensive by the Somali government and African Union allies. Since 2017, the U.S. has increased its air strikes targeting al-Shabaab militants, and in December 2018 they announced to re-establish a permanent diplomatic mission in the country. Al-Shabaab has been characterized as a spoiler in the Somali peace process and have therefore been placed outside of any negotiations.

Close

Somali Civil War (1991 -

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Stage Implementation/renegotiation

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process Somalia Peace Process

Parties The Principal Signatories of the Roadmap

Third parties -

Description Short agreement aiming to create a technical selection committee as a means of

deciding who can run for parliament. The TSC shall consist of 27 members representing

the 4.5 communities in Somalia, as well as 2 non-voting international observers.

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/ national group No specific mention.

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced No specific mention.

persons

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and

gender

No specific mention.

Men and boys

No specific mention.

LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state

(general)

No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum

No specific mention.

State symbols

No specific mention.

Independence/

secession

No specific mention.

Accession/

unification

Page 2, 8. The issue of Galmadug was raised and it was agreed that it will be subject to further consultation between President Alin, President Shiekh Sharif, and Speaker Sharif

Hassan to find a solution.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border

provision

Governance

Political reformed)

Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references institutions (new or Page 1, 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 plus relevant experience or informal education plus relevant experience. Where there are individual controversies in interpretation, the Technical Selection Committee

will decide.

Page 2, 4. The Signatories also agreed that the election of the Speaker and President will

be in accordance with the Garowe Principles.

Elections

No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform

No specific mention.

Civil society

No specific mention.

Traditional/ religious leaders Page 1, a. All the traditional elders of the Dhubahante 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.

Public

administration

No specific mention.

Constitution

Power sharing

Political power sharing

Power sharing→Political power sharing→Other proportionality

Sub-state level

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Territorial power

sharing

No specific mention.

Economic power

sharing

No specific mention.

Military power

sharing

No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL No specific mention.

general

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty

No specific mention.

incorporation

Civil and political

rights

rights

No specific mention.

Socio-economic

No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship

No specific mention.

Democracy

No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and

No specific mention.

communication

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures

No specific mention.

Other

No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights

institutions

No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and No specific mention. **emergency law**

State of emergency No specific mention. **provisions**

Judiciary and

No specific mention.

courts

Prisons and detention

No specific mention.

Traditional Laws

No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or

No specific mention.

socio-economic reconstruction

National economic No specific mention.

plan

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/

nomadism rights

No specific mention.

Cultural heritage

No specific mention.

Environment

No specific mention.

Water or riparian

rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees

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Page 2, 6. The Signatories strongly condemn 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.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces

No specific mention.

Corruption

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Page 2, 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 containing in the protocols establishing the Technical Selection Committee and refrain from any manipulative actions.

Crime/organised

No specific mention.

crime

Drugs

No specific mention.

Terrorism

No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice No specific mention.

general

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts

No specific mention.

Mechanism

No specific mention.

Prisoner release

No specific mention.

Vetting

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international No specific mention.

signatory

Referendum for agreement

No specific mention.

International

mission/force/

similar

No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism

No specific mention.

Related cases

No specific mention.

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