

**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED BY THE 25TH SESSION OF IGAD COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ON THE SOMALI NATIONAL RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE, AND SUDAN PEACE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT NAIROBI, KENYA  
SUNDAY 12TH June, 2005**

1. **The 25th Session of Council of Ministers Meeting** on the Somali National Reconciliation Conference and the Somali Government relocation plan was held on Sunday 12th` June 2005 at Grand Regency Hotel, Nairobi Kenya.
2. The meeting was opened by Hon. John Arap Koech, the Minister for East African and Regional Cooperation of the Republic of Kenya and chaired by Hon. Augustine Nshimye, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (Regional Cooperation) of the Republic of Uganda and attended by Hon. Joseph Nyaga Assistant Minister for East African and Regional Cooperation, Amb. Yoliannes Berhe from the Embassy of Eritrea, Mr. A. Sharfi from the Embassy of Sudan, Amb. Abdulaziz Ahmed, Ethiopia's Special Envoy, Amb. Francois Lonseny Fall, UN Secretary General's Special Representative, Dr. Attalla Bashir Executive Secretary of IGAD, Amb. Muhammad Ali Foum representative from the African Union, Mr. Jibril Osman representative from the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia.
3. The following members of the IGAD Partners Forum were present: Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America, European Union, United Nations and the League of Arab States.
4. **The Ministers:**
  - i. **Received** an update from Mr. Jibril Osman on behalf of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia regarding the relocation.
  - ii. **Welcomed** the finalization of arrangements for relocation of H.E. Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed and The Transitional Federal Government Institutions from Nairobi to Somalia.
  - iii. **Urged** all concerned to appreciate that security and stability is a prerequisite to any form of development and reconstruction of their country, and called upon them to support their President and his Government upon relocation to Somalia in his task of further reconciliation within the country and reconstruction of the country.
  - iv. **Thanked** the IGAD member states, and the international community for their financial and moral support to the Somali Peace Process and appealed to them to continue supporting the Somali Government as it relocates to the country.
  - v. **Received** confirmation that the IGASOM troops from both Sudan and Uganda were ready to deploy as soon as the funds are available, and the UN arms embargo for the contingent is lifted.
  - vi. **Called** upon the United Nations to expedite the lifting of the arms embargo on Somalia to allow for deployment of IGASOM.
  - vii. **Undertook** to support the reconciliation process at grassroots and the functioning of the TFG institutions in Somalia.
  - viii. **Appealed** to all countries and parties not to undertake any action that, directly or indirectly, would encourage in any form factionalism of groupings that may affect cohesion within the Transitional Federal Government or the smooth and effective functioning of those institutions.
  - ix. **Restated** its resolve to decisively deal with any spoilers; individuals or groups that may be bent on derailing the outcome of the Somali Peace Process. This may include referring them to the International Criminal

- Court of Justice (ICCJ).
- x. **Decided** to reinstate the IGAD Facilitation Committee on Somalia with an amended mandate. The council deferred discussions on the Sudan Peace Process Secretariat to the next council meeting.
  - xi. **Thanked** the Government of the Republic of Kenya for hosting Somali National Reconciliation Conference and successfully chairing the Somali peace talks.
  - xii. **Wished** H.E. Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed and his Government safe journey back home, and peace and unity for the people of Somalia.

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