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UN Special Representative for Somalia condemns the murder of former Trade Minister in Mogadishu

Mogadishu, 17 July 2012 – The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga, has condemned yesterday’s murder of a former Trade Minister in Mogadishu, allegedly by Al-Shabaab. The Former Minister and current MP, Mohamed Abdinur Garweyne, was killed and at least six others wounded by a car bomb attack in front of the Bin Ali Hotel in the capital’s Hamarweyne neighbourhood.

“These cowardly attacks will not be allowed to derail the on-going peace process”, said SRSG Mahiga, “as the transitional period draws to a close we must all redouble our efforts to ensure that the Somalis seize this golden opportunity for peace and stability.”

The SRSG sends his condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Harweyne and calls on the Somali authorities to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.