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High Level Consultative Meeting to take place on 12 and 13 April

Nairobi, 01 April 2011 – Following a meeting held today with a core group of regional and international partners and stakeholders, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General Ambassador Augustine P. Mahiga, said that the planned High Level Consultative meeting will take place in Nairobi on 12 and 13 April. He called on all Somali authorities to participate.

“It is my obligation under the Djibouti agreement to facilitate dialogue among the Somali institutions and authorities. I urge all Somali leaders to demonstrate their commitment to advancing the peace process by taking part in this meeting”, said Ambassador Mahiga.

“The main objective of the meeting is to reinvigorate dialogue among Somali authorities to establish a common vision for moving forward. This is a consultative meeting, no decisions will be taken. The international community will be present only as observers, not as participants, to show support and to get clear ideas on the tasks of the respective Somali institutions on how to end the transition within the current framework, based on the Transitional Federal Charter and the Djibouti Agreement.”

The meeting is an opportunity for the Somali leaders to share information on how regional partners and the international community can support the transitional activities. It is also expected to pave the way forward to reactivating the High Level Committee, a component of the Djibouti Agreement for advancing Somali dialogue, outreach and reconciliation, under the co-chairmanship of Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General and the Transitional Federal Government.