

## Joint Security Committee

### Terms of Reference

#### Introduction

1. The Somali Transitional Federal Government and the Alliance for the Re-Liberation of Somalia reached an Agreement after discussions on 9 June 2008 in Djibouti. The Agreement calls for the establishment of a Joint Security Committee (JSC). This Committee will work to ensure the effective implementation of security arrangements as per the Djibouti Agreement. The Joint Security Committee held a meeting in Djibouti from 16 to 19 August, 2008.

#### Mandate

2. On the basis of the Agreement the Joint Security Committee (JSC) has the mandate to work on the implementation of the Agreement as stipulated in Article 8-c:

*“To ensure the effective implementation of this agreement, the Parties agree to: Establish a Joint Security Committee to follow up the implementation of security arrangements within fifteen (15) days of the signing of this Agreement. The composition and mandate of this Committee, chaired by the UN, shall be adopted within the same period.”*

3. The mandate of the JSC will expire one month after the end of the Transitional Period (November 2009). The Committee shall carry out its activities throughout the country by establishing regional sub-committees throughout the country.

#### Responsibilities

4. The Committee shall be responsible, inter-alia, for:

- Recommend on the modalities and timeframe of the phased withdrawal of Ethiopian forces.
- Implementing the ceasefire and cessation of hostilities between the TFG and ARS.
- Establishing a TFG-ARS force to act jointly to:
  - (i) observe, verify and monitor compliance with the agreement
  - (ii) to facilitate unimpeded humanitarian access and assistance including the protection of humanitarian aid workers.

- (iii) Investigate reported breaches in the agreement and bring the findings of those investigations before the Committee for decision.
- Finding appropriate, peaceful solutions in the event of the breach of the agreement.
- Prepare recommendations for the restructuring and reform of the Somali armed forces.

### **Modalities**

5. The implementation of the mandate will require the following, but not exclusive, modalities:

- Observe ceasefire and cessation of hostilities between the TFG and ARS.
- Disengage TFG and ARS combatants in the areas where they are confronting each other.
- Facilitate the deployment of an international UN peacekeeping force.
- To implement the point of the agreement, it essential to have the following:
  - i. The UN and international community should expedite the deployment of an international UN peacekeeping force, as provided for in the Agreement.
  - ii. To cover the cost of the logistic and maintenance needs of the TFG and ARS troops who will maintain security during the transitional period.
  - iii. To play a role in the rebuilding of the Somali armed forces.
- Meet the budget of the Joint Security Committee
- Create a conducive environment for unimpeded humanitarian aid and assistance.
- Establish liaison between the two parties as well as stopping armed confrontation from taking place between the two sides.
- Ensuring proper behaviour and conduct of the Somali armed forces regarding the observation of human rights and standards.
- Pronounce general ceasefire and its observance.
- Demolish all illegal checkpoints that hinder the smooth transportation of humanitarian aid.
- Make recommendations on the possible elements of the mandate of the international UN peacekeeping force

### **Composition**

6. The Joint Security Committee shall consist of 30 members with equal representation from the TFG and the ARS. In addition, the UN and the AU will co-chair the work of the Committee. The TFG and ARS leaderships and their respective delegations may attend meetings.

### **Decision Making**

7. The Committee shall pass its decisions on the basis of consensus or, in the case of a vote, the chair will have a casting vote.

### **Meetings**

8. The committee shall meet for two to three days in Somalia, if conditions allow, or either in Djibouti, or Nairobi as necessary or when appropriate. The chair may call meetings when necessary.

### **Agenda**

9. The Agenda of the Joint Security Committee in the first 30 days from the date of entry into force of the Agreement will work to achieve the following:

- a) Implementation of ceasefire and cessation of hostilities
- b) Making a timetable for the withdrawal of Ethiopian forces from the country within the specified period of 120 days as stipulated in the Djibouti Agreement

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