

**MODALITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CESSATION OF ARMED CONFRONTATION**

26 OCTOBER 2008

PREAMBLE:

Pursuant to the 19 August 2008 Djibouti Agreement; effective 26 October 2008, the parties, TFG and ARS, have decided:

I. CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND RAISING OF AWARENESS

1. To stop waging hostile campaign against each other by using the media both in the country and abroad
2. To call on supporters of the two parties and the Somali population to adhere and support this cessation of armed confrontation for the interest of Somalia

II. CEASEFIRE

3. Effective 26 October 2008, ceasefire observance has been announced. It will become effective 5 November 2008.
4. Initial troops to restore peace and security in Mogadishu and other areas will be ready within a period of 45 days, renewable, starting 10 November 2008.

III. RELOCATION OF ETHIOPIAN TROOPS

5. Starting 21 November 2008, the Ethiopian troops will relocate from areas of the cities of Beledweyn and Mogadishu such as Towfiq, Mogadishu Stadium, pasta factory, Heyle Barise and Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence.
6. To avoid a security vacuum in the areas vacated by Ethiopian Forces, security will initially be the responsibility of AMISOM troops with the assistance of TFG and ARS security forces, until the deployment of UN Forces.

7. The second phase of Ethiopian troop withdrawal should be completed within 120 days in accordance with the 19 August 2008 Djibouti Agreement.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

8. In the first phase, the TFG and ARS shall prepare a police force of 10,000 to maintain peace and security in Mogadishu and other regions. UNPOS is requested to cover the financial needs of the force starting 5 November 2008.

9. Effective 10 November 2008, plus 15 days, the Joint Security Committee and its Subcommittees shall operate from Somalia to implement the general ceasefire.

10. The Joint Security Committee shall operate to protect humanitarian assistance and access.

11. The military technical details of these modalities will be developed within a period of 10 days from the signing of this agreement.

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