

## **COMMUNIQUE OF THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE**

**Nairobi, 23 October 2009**

1. The High Level Committee (HLC) met for the first time under its new format on 23 October 2009 to launch its activities. Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke and USG Lynn Pascoe opened the meeting.
2. The discussions were open and frank and most helpful in opening a new approach in the relationship between Somalia and International Community (IC). This approach will cover many areas including security, governance, justice and reconciliation, humanitarian, rehabilitation, and reconstruction and development.
3. The HLC plans also to help address clear and visible areas of cooperation between the Government and the IC including programmes/projects through government budget and resource mobilization.
4. The HLC recommends to move away from the culture of one political process following another and instead encourages result oriented actions. The new orientation should help address achievable priorities in the framework of the transitional tasks assigned to the Government.
5. The Security Sector Assessment now underway is welcomed. The HLC expects to discuss and adopt its recommendations.
6. Terms of Reference for the HLC should be discussed and adopted by the parties at its next meeting.

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