



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AMONG

AFRICAN UNION MISSION IN SOMALIA (AMISOM),

IGAD OFFICE OF THE FACILITATOR FOR SOMALIA

PEACE AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION

AND

UNITED NATIONS POLITICAL OFFICE FOR SOMALIA

(UNPOS)

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PREAMBLE:

The parties to this Memorandum,

Desirous of strengthening and deepening their relations and complementing one another's efforts to collectively address the scourge of conflicts and ensure the maintenance of peace, security and stability in Somalia, through the conclusion of the present Memorandum of Understanding;

Recognizing the need for closer collaboration among the Parties for furtherance of dialogue and national reconciliation between the TFG of Somalia and other groups as well as establishment of effective government institutions in Somalia;

Taking into consideration the need for a joint, result oriented, formal coordination and monitoring mechanism between among the Parties to harmonize approaches to a shared vision on Somalia, as well as serve as a platform for information sharing on ongoing and planned activities to avoid duplication and instead ensure continuous information sharing;

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HEREBY AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING:

Article I

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding:

- i) “AMISOM” means African Union Mission in Somalia
- ii) “UNPOS” means United Nations Political Office for Somalia
- iii) “The Office of the Facilitator” means Inter-Governmental Authority on Development, Office of the Facilitator for Somalia Peace and National Reconciliation
- iv) “Memorandum” means the Memorandum of Understanding among IGAD, AMISOM and UNPOS
- v) “Parties” means Parties to this MOU
- vi) “TFG” means Transitional Federal Government of Somalia
- vii) “NSF” means National Security Forces
- viii) “TFIs” means Transitional Federal Institutions in Somalia

Article II

SCOPE

- 1. This Memorandum is not intended to create legally binding obligations on any of the Parties
- 2. There are no funding arrangements or costs involved with this MOU

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Article III

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Memorandum shall be to:

- (i) Ensure regular exchange of information among the Parties on all their activities pertaining to the promotion and maintenance of peace, security and stability in Somalia;
- (ii) Foster closer partnership among the Parties in the promotion and maintenance of peace, security and stability in Somalia, as well as to enhance coordination of their activities;
- (iii) Develop and implement, where applicable, joint programs and activities in the areas of peace, security, and stability as well as re-establishing effective government institutions in Somalia;
- (iv) Avoid duplication of efforts of the Parties pertaining to their activities on Somalia;
- (v) Facilitate coordination and enhance partnership among the Parties, on the one hand, and the International community on the other;
- (vi) Assist one another for effective accomplishment of the areas of cooperation.

Article IV

PRINCIPLES

The implementation of the Memorandum shall be guided by the following:

- (i) Recognition of, and respect for, the primary responsibility of each of the Parties in the maintenance and promotion of peace, security and stability as well as institutional capacity building in Somalia.
- (ii) Acknowledgment of the role and responsibilities of Parties to the Memorandum in their areas of jurisdiction, as well as the contribution they can make towards the promotion and maintenance of peace, security and stability in Somalia ; and

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- (iii) Adherence to the principles of complementarity and comparative advantage, in order to optimize the partnership among the Parties in the promotion and maintenance of peace, security and stability in Somalia.

Article V

AREAS OF COOPERATION

In order to achieve the objectives listed in Article III of the Memorandum, the Parties shall cooperate in all areas relevant to the promotion and maintenance of peace, security and stability in Somalia, including:

- (i) Furtherance of dialogue and reconciliation within the framework of the Djibouti agreement between the TFG and groups committed to peace including moderate groups and opposition;
- (ii) Provision of support to the TFG and protection to the TFIs and their key infrastructure;
- (iii) Provision of assistance and support to the TFG to maintain stable and functioning Government by building its capacity through training of staff of the TFIs;
- (iv) Strengthening of strategic partnerships of relevant stakeholders and harmonization of international approach to the Somali peace process;
- (v) Supporting the TFG in the implementation of national Security and Stabilization Plan of Somalia, particularly, effective reestablishment, recruitment, training and equipping of the National Security Force as well as payment of stipends to the NSF;
- (vi) Relocation and expanded presence of development partners in Somalia;
- (vii) Facilitation and coordination of humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia affected by war and natural calamities.
- (viii) Promotion of programs on post-conflict reconstruction and development for Somalia including development of guidelines on electoral systems and civic education manuals;

- (ix) Resource mobilization; and
- (x) Any other areas of shared priorities and common interest as may be agreed to by the Parties.

Article VI

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COOPERATION

Arrangements for cooperation shall include:

- (i) Exchange of information;
- (ii) Meetings and other mechanisms for enhancing cooperation;
- (iii) Joint coordination mechanisms including joint activities and field coordination;
- (iv) Extending by mutual agreement initiatives to other partners involved in issues of Somalia to attend the tripartite meetings as appropriate; and
- (v) Undertaking joint resource mobilization.

Article VII

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. The Parties shall regularly exchange information, analysis and assessments on the issues covered by the Memorandum.
2. The Parties shall encourage networking, including through the establishment of desk-to-desk consultation, and, to that end, shall exchange names of their officers dealing with issues covered by the Memorandum.
3. The Parties shall treat sensitive information with the appropriate level of confidentiality and shall transmit the same through secure channels.

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Article VIII

MEETINGS AND OTHER MECHANISMS FOR ENHANCING COOPERATION

1. The Parties shall regularly consult one another, both at high level management and technical ones.
2. The Parties shall invite one another to meetings relevant to their partnership and share reports of such meetings accordingly.
3. Meetings for consultations at the technical level as well as by heads of the Parties to this Memorandum shall be held every month to address specific issues relevant to the objectives of the Memorandum, review and monitor progress in the areas of cooperation, and discuss policy and operational issues.
4. Ad-hoc consultations at management and technical levels may also be convened upon request of any of the parties.
5. Venues of meetings shall be rotated among the Parties in alphabetical order.
6. The hosting organization shall prepare the provisional agenda as well as prepare minutes of the meeting it hosted and circulate them to all participants within a period of one week from the date of the meeting.

Article IX

JOINT ACTIVITIES AND FIELD COORDINATION

1. The Parties shall, as appropriate, develop and implement joint activities in the areas covered by the Memorandum, including through the convening of workshops and seminars.
2. The Parties shall also enhance the coordination of their operational activities, including through regular consultations and coordination among their representatives in a given area or country.

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3. The Parties shall undertake joint activities related to capacity building, including through joint training, exchange of lessons learnt and best practices, and development of comprehensive and well coordinated strategies in that regard.

Article X

SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS

The Parties may enter into supplementary, inter-organizational, or other agreements for the effective implementation of the Memorandum.

Article XI

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any misunderstanding or difference(s) arising among the Parties from or regarding the interpretation or application of the provisions of the Memorandum shall be resolved amicably through consultation.

Article XII

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEMORANDUM

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by the three parties and shall, subject to termination hereunder, remain in force for a period of two (2) years from the Effective Date indicated hereunder.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties have signed this Memorandum on the 28th day of April, 2010.



Article XIII

REVIEW AND TERMINATION OF THIS MOU

1. The Parties shall regularly review the implementation of the Memorandum and shall, when necessary, amend its provisions, by consensus.
2. Any Party may terminate its commitment to this MOU by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other Parties. The termination will take effect on the expiry of the notice unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

SIGNED:

DATE: April 28, 2010

PLACE: Nairobi, Kenya

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