

Joint Security Committee

Terms of Reference

Background

1. Following the Djibouti Peace Agreement, and in line with the establishment of a national unity Transitional Federal Government (TFG) in January 2009, there is a consensus between the TFG and the international community (IC) that the provisions of the Djibouti Peace Agreement remain the guiding principles for the development of Somalia's security sector for the remainder of the extended transitional period to 2011.

2. Accordingly, both the composition and mandate of the Joint Security Committee (JSC) have been amended following a request from the TFG. The joint nature of the JSC now refers to the partnership between the TFG and the IC, whilst its mandate has been expanded to cover transitional security arrangements and security sector governance, including issues of military reform, police reform, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, mine action, criminal justice reform, and correctional services reform. The reshaped JSC will be the mechanism through which the TFG and the IC jointly coordinate all issues pertaining to security matters of the Somali security sector. The mandate of the JSC will expire one month upon the expiry of the transitional period.

Composition

3. The revised composition of the JSC, chaired jointly by the TFG, UN and AU is as follows:

- TFG
 - Minister of National Security
 - Minister of Defence
 - Minister of Interior
 - Minister of Finance
 - Minister of Justice
 - Minister of Information
 - Minister of Planning and International Cooperation
 - Chief of Army Staff of the National Security Force
 - Commissioner of the Somali Police Force
 - Chief of Intelligence
- IC
 - UN
 - AU
 - AMISOM
 - IGAD
 - EASF
 - International Partners in Security Sector

Responsibilities

4. The JSC shall be responsible, *inter alia*, for:
 - Ensuring that IC support to Somalia's security sector, including to its nascent armed forces, police services, criminal justice, and correctional services, ministries, oversight mechanisms, and policies, is anchored into a coherent, holistic and nationally-owned approach to security sector reform, and that technical support to security arrangements is closely linked with the overall peace building strategy and negotiations process.
 - Establishing a cooperation mechanism between the TFG and IC for the purpose of completing the implementation of the security sector development activities envisaged in the Djibouti Peace Agreement.
 - Supporting and coordinating tasks related to the establishment and functioning of the National Security Force, the Somali Police Service, including harmonization of training standards, reform and restructuring, as well as of other transitional security sector institutions and mechanisms, including security sector reviews and dialogue processes.
 - Providing strategic guidance and directions to the Technical Working Groups (established under para. 6 of this ToR) dealing with specific issues related to the Somali Security Sector.
 - Providing expert advice and guidance for the planning, coordination, implementation and monitoring of Somalia's security sector development with a view to ensuring a transparent, accountable and professional security sector in Somalia operating with respect for and in support of human rights and the rule of law.
 - Supporting and facilitating humanitarian agencies' access and assistance to Somalia and its peoples.
 - Undertaking any other activity related to the improvement of security on Land and at Sea and of the security sector in Somalia.

Technical Working Groups

5. The JSC will initially be supported by the following five technical working groups which are hereby established:
 - Somali Police Development Technical Working Group (*To include size, recruiting, training, doctrine, equipment, law, regulations and code of conduct*)
 - National Security Force (Military) Development Technical Working Group (*To include Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard*)
 - Security and Justice Sectors Development Technical Working Group (*To include Intelligence Service, Criminal Justice system, correction services, border management services*)

- Strategic Planning and Programming Technical Working Group (*To include when appropriate DDR, Mine Action, Security Sector Reform, liaison with donors and resource mobilization*).
- Counter Piracy Task Force

Terms of reference for each technical working group will be prepared and adopted by the JSC, and will include, *inter alia*, their roles, responsibilities, membership and internal procedure, in addition to their duration of service after which they are expected to either be dissolved or renewed.

Other technical working groups might be established as needed or the above groups reconfigured to meet the needs of the JSC.

Modalities

6. The JSC is a consultative and coordinating body and its recommendations are taken by consensus. Recommendations will be reported by the Chair to the National Security Committee.

7. Meetings of the JSC will be held once a month, as requested by the TFG and subject to operational security constraints in Mogadishu, or alternatively in Nairobi. The meeting will be coordinated by the JSC Secretariat (SRSG Special Military Advisor, Dir SSDO and the TFG Nairobi JSC/SSD LO).

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