

Consultative Meeting of the Somali Signatories of the Process for Ending the Transition

Communiqué

Galka'yo, 26 March 2012 – The Somali signatories of the process for ending the transition held a consultative meeting in Galka'yo on 26 March 2012.

The meeting was hosted by Puntland State of Somalia and facilitated by the Office of the UN Special Representative for Somalia.

The meeting was attended by the signatories of the process for ending the transition, including HE Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, President of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG); HE Sharif Hassan Sheikh Aden, Speaker of the Transitional Federal Parliament (TFP), HE Abdiweli Mohamed Ali, Prime Minister of TFG; HE Abdirahman Mohamed Mohamud (Farole), President of Puntland; Mr. Abdisamad Ali Shire, Vice-President of Puntland; Mr. Abdisamad Nur Guled, Vice President and acting President of Galmudug; Mr. Sheikh Mohamed Mohamud Yusuf (Aw Libah), Representative of Ahlu Sunnah Wal-Jama'a (ASWJ) and the UN Special Representative for Somalia (SRSG) Amb. Augustine Mahiga.

Considering the current political situation in Somalia as well as the need to urgently implement the Roadmap to end the transition and the principles agreed upon in Garowe I and II conferences, the Somali signatories discussed at length the means of implementing the above mentioned principles and agreements. In this regard, the signatories agreed:

1. To accelerate the process of ending the transition and the principles agreed upon in Garowe I and II conferences.
2. To speed up the selection process of members of the Constituent Assembly (CA) to endorse the draft constitution. The criteria for selecting members of the CA are clearly stated in Garowe I and II Principles. They also agreed to reduce the number of CA members in order to make the power sharing along 4.5 formula among the clans easier.
3. To reduce the number of the Constituency Assembly members as agreed upon in Garowe II conference from 1000 to 825 delegates who would be shared along the 4.5 power sharing formula among the Somali clans, which is seen as the correct procedure for power sharing.
4. Somali Traditional Elders will select members of the Constituent Assembly to adopt the draft constitution in consultation with different sections of the society such as religious leaders, intellectuals, youth, women, business people and others.
5. It was agreed that 135 Traditional Elders representing Somali clans, 30 members for each of the four major clans and 15 members for the clan will select members of the Constituent Assembly to adopt the draft constitution and members of the new Parliament in consultation with their clans and supported by a technical committee comprising of 17 members, six of whom shall come from the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs), three from Puntland, three Galmudug, three from Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a and two from the UN Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS) and six members

from the international community as observers. Any dispute that may arise will be referred to the signatories of the Roadmap and Principles of Garowe I & II.

6. The Traditional Elders, who will select members of the Constituent Assembly to adopt the draft constitution, will hold their first meeting in Mogadishu on 25 April 2012.
7. It was agreed that the ultimate responsibility for completing the process of ending the transition and principles of Garowe I & II lies specifically with the signatories of the Roadmap process and any disputes will be referred to them.
8. It was agreed that the international community is expected to urgently provide facilitation and financial support for the process to end the transition.
9. Anything that is not clear in this agreement will be referred to the Roadmap and the Garowe I & II Principles.