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The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Somalia, Dr. Augustine Mahiga, welcomes the signing of the Joint Communiqué of the Consultative Meeting of the Signatories of the Process for Ending the Transition by all signatories to the roadmap this afternoon in Nairobi.

The meeting was attended by the principal signatories of the roadmap: President Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia; Honourable Sharif Hassan Sheikh Aden, Speaker of the Transitional Federal Parliament; Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali; President Abdirahman Mohamed Mohamoud 'Farole' of Puntland; President Mohamed Ahmed Alin of Galmudug; and, representatives of Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a.

The meeting was convened to discuss a number of outstanding issues and to finalize the agreements reached at the meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 21 to 23 May 2012. The signatories agreed on an official draft constitution, which will now be made public. President Sheikh Sharif also signed a decree establishing a legal framework to conclude the constitutional making process through provisional adoption of the constitution by a National Constituent Assembly (NCA). The signatories also successfully reached agreement on a number of important protocols providing for the establishment of a number of important committees to facilitate the end of the transitional period.

"I am most gratified that the Signatories have come together in the spirit of cooperation and compromise and have collectively committed to move the process forward," Ambassador Mahiga said, "The transitional period will end in less than 60 days and we have no time to lose."

The NCA will convene in Mogadishu from 12 to 20 July 2012 and will conclude its deliberations by voting on the draft constitution for provisional adoption prior to eventual approval by the Somali people through a direct referendum.

"It is time for us to help move the process from selection to election," Ambassador Mahiga said.