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Statement from SRSB Mahiga

Mogadishu, 24 July 2012 – UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia, Augustine Mahiga tonight expressed his shock and sadness at the sudden passing of Ghana’s President John Atta Mills. “I am deeply saddened to hear this news,” SRSB Mahiga said.

“President Atta Mills was a leader who came to lead through a democratic process in a peaceful transition of power. The President implemented enlightened political, economic and social reforms, which have seen Ghana become an example of political stability and economic prosperity in the region.”

“On behalf of the United Nations, I extend my deepest condolences to his bereaved family and friends, to his colleagues, and to the people of Ghana. I also extend my condolences to former President Jerry Rawlings, who is the African Union High Representative for Somalia with whom I am working very closely with to advance the Somalia Peace Process. The late President Atta Mills who belonged to the same political party as former President Rawlings was a great supporter of the Somali peace process generously offering President Rawlings to work on that cause.”