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DSRSG chairs meeting with representatives of emerging administrations from Southern Somalia

Nairobi, 26 August 2011 –Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Somalia, Christian Manahl, today chaired a meeting with some 40 representatives from a number of emerging regional administrations, social and political groups in Southern and Central Somalia, with a view to garnering their support for the peace process.

Mr. Manahl urged the groups to work together and with the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) to stabilize their regions and fight extremism and to alleviate the terrible effects of the drought in Somalia.

“The impact of your unified efforts will bear greater fruit in both alleviating the suffering of your people and demonstrating your dedication to advancing the peace process. This is what the world wants to see.”

Mr. Manahl also informed the group on the High-Level Consultative Meeting on Ending the Transition which will take place in Mogadishu from 4-6 September 2011. Although the meeting brings together the Transitional Federal Institutions and the regional authorities and groups recognized by the TFG, Mr. Manahl explained that it is part of an expansive process aimed at associating all the groups who are working to promote peace and reconciliation in Somalia.

UNPOS will brief the TFG of the results of today’s meeting with a view to explaining ways to associate these groups in the joint efforts to advance peace and security in central and southern Somalia.