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SRSG statement on the finalization of the list of Parliamentarians

Mogadishu, 25 August 2012 - The Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga is encouraged by the progress made by the Traditional Elders and by the Technical Selection Committee (TSC). However, he remains deeply concerned by the ongoing delays of the finalization of the list of the Members of Parliament that might threaten the electoral calendar.

“The candidates for the Speakership will deliver their speeches tomorrow and make their presentations in preparation for the Speaker’s Election day on Tuesday, 28 August. So there is no time for delay.”

SRSG Mahiga urges the Elders and the TSC to continue working together in a spirit of mutual trust and flexibility to fulfill their responsibilities as defined in the protocols. They must ensure that all outstanding issues are resolved by tomorrow, Sunday 26 August, in order for preparations to be in place for the Parliament to elect a Speaker and Deputy Speaker on Tuesday 28 August 2012.

SRSG Mahiga takes this opportunity to thank the Elders and the TSC for their hard work, tireless efforts and commitment in carrying out their tasks and moving the process forward.

“Last Monday, 20 August, the most qualified Parliament in the recent history of Somalia was inaugurated. We are just a few critical steps away from fully ending the transitional period. We must all support this effort to ensure that the complete number of the new Somali lawmakers begin their vital work immediately.”

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