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UN Special Representative statement on Eid Al-Fitr

Mogadishu, 16 August 2012 – The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Somalia, Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga, wishes a blessed Eid Al-Fitr to all Somalis inside and outside the country.

“Ramadan is a month of sacrifice, a month of patience and reflection. As this holy month comes to an end, Eid offers us the opportunity to reflect not only on the sacrifices made but also on the remarkable progress we have made,” SRSG Mahiga stated.

Just over a year ago Al-Shabaab was pushed out of their positions in Mogadishu and the security situation has improved significantly with the city witnessing an economic and development boom.

“The date of 20 August is literally on our doorstep. The transitional period is about to end with the formation of a new parliament that will allow the elections of a new Speaker, Deputy Speaker and a President. It is a difficult moment which has required hard and courageous decisions” SRSG Mahiga stated. “We have come too far to fail when we are just hours away from the end of the transitional period”.

“I call on all Somalis to capitalize on this momentum and to work cooperatively for the good of your country. Somalia needs a new vision that will transform it into a functioning state. The adoption of the provisional constitution provides the foundation for the new government to set up administrative, legal and security institutions that will serve the Somali people, help stabilize the country and pave the way for democratic elections”.

“I take again this opportunity to wish *Ciid Wanaagsan* to all, full of peace, love and prosperity”, SRSG Mahiga said.

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