

COMMUNIQUE OF THE JOINT SECURITY COMMITTEE

Nairobi, 7 - 8 August, 2010

1. The Joint Security Committee (JSC) met on 7-8 August, under the co-chairmanship of Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke of Somalia and Mr. Augustine P. Mahiga, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General.
2. The TFG reaffirmed that the Committee is the primary coordination body for security sector reform.
3. The discussions were aimed to achieve an action-oriented framework on concrete progress, covering several areas, including support to the Somali Security Forces, Police and the Security Ministries.
4. The Committee endorsed the recommendations of its Military Technical Working Group (MTWG) and Police Technical Working Group (PTWG) as contained in Annexes I and II, respectively.
5. The Committee urged the TFG to take urgent steps to extend its authority in Somalia and enhance its credibility in the eyes of the Somali people.
6. The Committee urged the TFG to take concrete and urgent steps to move forward with the development of the security sector, including financial accountability, and to build on the momentum for international support. In this regard, Committee urges, as a priority, to adopt the National Security and Stabilization Plan and to review and move swiftly to adopt the Security Sector Assessment and operationalize its recommendations.
7. The Committee urged the TFG to continue its efforts to support institutional development in the security sector.
8. The Committee commended the efforts of the IGAD Council of Ministers and Summit, as endorsed by the Assembly of the African Union, to strengthen the TFG Security Sector and AMISOM.
9. The Committee commended the new initiative of the US in mobilizing resources in support of the TFG and AMISOM and expressed its appreciation to all current donors and encouraged other partners to extend similar support.
10. The Committee encouraged the United Nations, through UNPOS, in partnership with the African Union to play a catalytic role in mobilising resources from the international community in support of the TFG and AMISOM.
11. The Committee welcomed AMISOM's renewed commitment to take additional measures to ensure the protection of civilians.

12. The Committee commended AMISOM for continuing to extend essential basic services, such as medical assistance, to the civilian population.
13. The Committee welcomed the renewed commitment, by AMISOM to mentor TFG forces and its efforts to establish, in the first instance, a Safe zone in Mogadishu and the recommended that the international community gradually moves its offices back to Mogadishu.
14. The Committee commended the efforts of the United Nations, through UNSOA to support the deployment and operations of AMISOM.
15. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to the protection of civilians and in this regard emphasized:
 - i. All civilians need to be protected – and atrocities of the insurgents against civilians need to be exposed.
 - ii. The need to provide protection to civilians including vulnerable groups as part of maintaining law and order by the police.
 - iii. Avoid casualties of civilians caught in the conflict through the provision of appropriate training, information gathering, appropriate operational equipment and application of the relevant rules of engagement in conformity with international law.
 - iv. Facilitate humanitarian access and safety of humanitarian workers.
16. The Committee reviewed and adopted its revised Terms of Reference and agreed to activate two further Technical Working Groups – The Security and Justice Sector Development Technical Working Group and the Strategic Planning and Programming Technical Working Group. The JSC will also coordinate the work of the Counter Piracy Task Force (Kampala Process).
17. The Committee commended the TFG and UNPOS for organizing the meeting and having detailed and result-oriented outcomes.
18. The Committee undertook to meet more regularly, supported by technical preparations.

8 August, 2010