

For Immediate Release

PRESS RELEASE

Preparatory Committee announces the organization of an inclusive Consultative Meeting on ending the Transition

Nairobi, 20 June 2011 – The Preparatory Committee for the forthcoming Consultative Meeting on ending the Transition in Somalia held a fifth round of discussions on Monday. The Committee includes representatives from the Transitional Federal Government (TFG), the Transitional Federal Parliament (TFP), the Governments of Puntland and Galmudug, the African Union, IGAD and the United Nations.

The main purpose of the Consultative Meeting is to advance the peace process, building on the High Level Consultative Meeting in April convened by the UN Special Representative for Somalia, Dr Augustine P. Mahiga and the Kampala Accord, as well as to adopt a roadmap to end the Transition.

The Preparatory Committee is determined to ensure that the Consultative Meeting will be as inclusive as possible. In addition to the TFG, TFP and the Governments of Puntland and Galmudug, the meeting will include representatives from Ahlu Sunna Wal Jamaa and a broad range of stakeholders from Somali society.

The meeting will agree on a roadmap and an implementation plan outlining the key tasks that need to be completed within the coming months. These tasks include the reform of the TFIs, finalisation and adoption of a new Constitution, restoring security and building national security institutions, outreach and reconciliation, delivering basic administrative and social services, improving accountability and preparing for a constitutional referendum and national elections.

The final decision on the location, date and number of participants will be taken in the light of an ongoing security assessment.

The Preparatory Committee is determined that this will be a meeting of Somalis for Somalis. It must be as inclusive as possible.