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From:	H.E. Fawzia Yusuf ADAM, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia
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To:	Ms Catherine ASHTON, President of the ACP-EU Council
Subject:	Accession of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the revised Cotonou Partnership Agreement
	- Letter from the Federal Republic of Somalia

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Delegations will find attached a letter from the Federal Republic of Somalia regarding its request for accession to the revised Cotonou Partnership Agreement.

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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation

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Baroness Catherine Ashton,  
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Re: Accession of the Federal Government of the Somali Republic to the revised Cotonou

Agreement

Dear Baroness Ashton,

On behalf of the Federal Government of the Somalia Republic, I have the honour to present an official request for accession to the Cotonou Partnership Agreement ("The Agreement"), as last revised in 2010 in Ouagadougou, by the ACP-EU Council of Ministers.

In this regard, Somalia will shortly begin the procedure required under its Constitution in order to accede in conformity with the terms outlined by Article 94 to the Agreement. It is envisaged that this process will be completed by September 2013 at the latest.

Furthermore, Article 8 of the Procedures of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers allows the Federal Government of Somali Republic to participate in the ACP-EU Joint institutions meetings. Somalia was a member of the ACP-EU, but suspension of its membership occurred after the collapse of Somali Government Institutions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Corporation of the Federal Government of Somali the Republic avails itself of the opportunity to review to the ACP-EU communities, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sincerely Yours

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