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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Council Conclusions on the Process for Ending the Transition in Somalia

At its meeting on 23 July 2012, the Council adopted the Conclusions on the Process for Ending the Transition in Somalia annexed to this note.

Council Conclusions on the Process for Ending the Transition in Somalia

1. Recalling its Conclusions of 14 May 2012, the Council urges the Somali leadership and all other stakeholders to implement their commitments to end the current transition on 20 August 2012 and to demonstrate they are acting in the interests of the Somali people as a whole. The EU welcomes the agreement of the Somali Roadmap Signatories made in Nairobi on 22 June 2012 on the final draft Provisional Constitution that will be handed over to the National Constituent Assembly (NCA), but is concerned that continuous readjustment of timelines and missed deadlines risk undermining the transparency and legitimacy of the political process initiated by the Garowe Principles. An extension of the mandate of the Transitional Federal Institutions (TFIs) will not be accepted and efforts to obstruct genuine reform in Somalia will be met with appropriate action.
2. In line with the commitments made by the Roadmap Signatories, the EU urges the Traditional Elders to swiftly select the members of the New Federal Parliament (NFP), with the assistance of the Technical Selection Committee, and underlines the need for an effective legislature that will have an independent role of oversight of the Executive. The EU calls for the immediate convening of the National Constituent Assembly (NCA) in order to vote on the adoption of the draft Provisional Constitution, until such time that Somalis can express themselves in a referendum. It calls for the completion of the process with the election of the President and of the Speaker/Deputies by the NFP, and urges the Somali leadership to act in full transparency and provide public information during the remainder of this period. The EU underlines the importance of meeting the commitment of 30 per cent representation of women in the new Federal Institutions.

3. The EU underlines the urgency for the New Federal Institutions to identify and tackle key pending issues, including in the Provisional Constitution. It also calls on them to achieve progress in outreach and reconciliation, transparency and accountability, effective governance and the rule of law, justice and human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the country, including in newly accessible areas. It therefore invites the new Government to set out its priorities in a work plan within sixty days of its formation, as agreed at the Rome ICG meeting on 2-3 July 2012. Based on assessment of progress made towards implementing this work plan, the EU will determine its support to the New Federal institutions.
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