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**COMMUNIQUE FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICY LAUNCH AND NATIONAL
SOCIAL PROTECTION CONFERENCE.**

07 th March 2024, Mansoor hotel, Hargeisa, Somaliland:, The Ministry of Employment, Social Affairs, and Family, in collaboration with development stakeholders, organized two significant events aimed at advancing social welfare in Somaliland. The Social Protection Policy Launching Ceremony, held on March 6th, 2024, celebrated the approval of the Social Protection Policy. Following this, the First Social Protection Conference in Somaliland took place on March 7th, 2024. These events convened high-level members from government ministries/agencies, development partners, private sector representatives, academia, and civil society organizations to renew their commitment to the implementation of the Social Protection Policy. Arising from the statements and subsequent deliberations on the approval of the first national social protection policy for the country and the need for its effective implementation in line with other national plans and priorities, the Ministry of Employment, Social Affairs, and Family (MESAF),

1. Appreciated the President for enacting the Social Protection Policy, which had been in draft since 2019.
2. Expressed sincere gratitude to development partners and their donors for supporting the formulation of the policy.
3. Called upon international partners to support the implementation of the social protection policy and subsequent development of the social protection plan.
4. Called upon government, social protection partners to work collectively on the establishment of and implementation of "Social Registry System".
5. Announced that a special meeting will be organized on a regular basis to the Social Workers [Social workers].
6. Affirmed its commitment to implementing the Social Protection Policy, emphasizing its alignment with the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and Social Protection Policy Targets outlined in the National Development Plan III (NDPIII).
7. Underscored that a National Social Protection Conference will be organized on an annual basis. This conference is to assess the advancements made towards social protection targets and to disseminate comprehensive progress reports. By convening this event regularly, the ministry seeks to foster transparency, accountability, and collaboration in efforts to enhance social protection initiatives.
8. Recognized the crucial role of government institutions, Embassies, donors, UN agencies, international organizations like Save the Children, the private sector, civil society organizations, and academia in the implementation of the Social Protection Policy. The government of Somaliland is dedicated to creating a conducive environment to facilitate these collaborative efforts.
9. Appreciated to everyone who has worked to make the Social Protection Sector a standalone sector in the National Development Plan (NDP III).
10. Expressed gratitude to all stakeholders and the preparatory committee from various sectors for their unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to the success of social protection policy launch and emphasized that their on-going and future commitment is critical and key in driving positive change in our society

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