



**Minister**

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To: All International Aid Donors

Re: Special Arrangement for Somaliland Development and Humanitarian Aid

The Government of Somaliland expresses its sincere appreciation to our development and humanitarian partners for their contributions towards enhancing the wellbeing of the Somaliland people. We deeply value and uphold the principles of neutrality, operational independence, and participatory decision-making embraced by our esteemed partners.

While we acknowledge and appreciate the support of our partners, it's imperative to emphasize the necessity of direct engagement with the Government of Somaliland through official channels and in accordance with established international aid protocols. Any intermediary involvement by other countries undermines Somaliland development, investment, and humanitarian efforts, given the sensitivity surrounding Somaliland's self-determination issue.

We firmly assert the need for international aid to remain untainted by political conflicts between nations and regions and not divert from its primary objective of uplifting the wellbeing of all individuals, including children, women, and marginalized groups, irrespective of their political affiliations or beliefs. Historically, numerous states have received assistance through special arrangements despite lacking diplomatic recognition.

To address these challenges, the Government of Somaliland government proposes the following special arrangement alternatives:

1. Establishment of a regular donor aid allocation and coordination forum.
2. Formulation of a strategic structural arrangement for Somaliland's funding mechanism, encompassing pooling funds and/or bilateral agreements.
3. Reinstatement of the Somaliland Partnership Forum (High Level Aid Coordination Forum).
4. Exploration of any other suitable special arrangement tailored to Somaliland's unique context.

Once again, we express our gratitude for the unwavering support provided by our development and humanitarian partners in helping uplift the standard of living for the people of Somaliland. We eagerly anticipate further collaboration and cooperation in our collective pursuit of Somaliland's sustainable development.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson of the Somaliland National Planning Commission



CC: Somaliland Development and Humanitarian Partners  
CC: Cabinet  
CC: Presidential Office