

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND
PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE



PBF PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

COUNTRY: Somalia

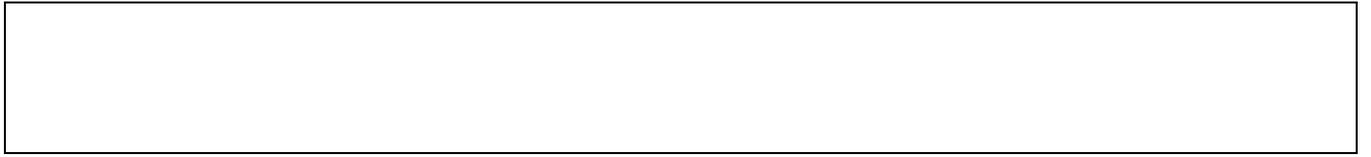
TYPE OF REPORT: SEMI-ANNUAL, ANNUAL OR FINAL Semi-annual

DATE OF REPORT: 15 June 2019

Project Title: Secretariat support to the PBF portfolio in Somalia	
Project Number from MPTF-O Gateway: 00113011	
PBF project modality: <input type="checkbox"/> IRF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRF	If funding is disbursed into a national or regional trust fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Country Trust Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Trust Fund Name of Recipient Fund:
List all direct project recipient organizations (starting with Convening Agency), followed type of organization (UN, CSO etc): UNDP List additional implementing partners, Governmental and non-Governmental:	
Project commencement date ¹ : 9 November 2018 Project duration in months ² : 18 months	
Does the project fall under one of the specific PBF priority windows below: <input type="checkbox"/> Gender promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Youth promotion initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Transition from UN or regional peacekeeping or special political missions <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-border or regional project	
Total PBF approved project budget* (by recipient organization): UNDP: \$ 739,370 : \$: \$: \$ Total: 739,370 <i>*The overall approved budget and the release of the second and any subsequent tranche are conditional and subject to PBSO's approval and subject to availability of funds in the PBF account</i>	
How many tranches have been received so far: One (1)	
Report preparation: Project report prepared by: Peter Nordstrom, PBF Coordinator for Somalia Project report approved by: Charles St George, Acting Head of the Integrated Office of the DSRSG/RC/HC Did PBF Secretariat clear the report: Yes Any comments from PBF Secretariat on the report: No Has the project undertaken any evaluation exercises? Please specify and attach: No	

¹ Note: commencement date will be the date of first funds transfer.

² Maximum project duration for IRF projects is 18 months, for PRF projects – 36 months.



NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE REPORT:

- *Avoid acronyms and UN jargon, use general / common language.*
- *Be as concrete as possible. Avoid theoretical, vague or conceptual discourse.*
- *Ensure the analysis and project progress assessment is gender and age sensitive.*

PART 1: RESULTS PROGRESS

1.1 Overall project progress to date

Briefly explain the **status of the project** in terms of its implementation cycle, including whether all preliminary/preparatory activities have been completed (1500 character limit): The PBF Secretariat in the Resident Coordinator's Office in Somalia successfully supported the development of a new portfolio of six PBF-funded projects valued at 14 million USD in total and implemented by four UN entities in close partnership with UNSOM, government, and civil society. The projects were designed to be interlinked and complementary to each other and how they address the most pressing peacebuilding priorities in Somalia, related to displacement, reconciliation, extension of state authority, and land disputes. The new portfolio was launched at a well-attended and well-publicised event in Mogadishu on 18 February, co-chaired by the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation and the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia. Participants included representatives of federal government line ministries, federal member states, diplomatic community, media, civil society, and heads of UN agencies.

A reconstituted PBF Coordination Committee was established to provide high-level and strategic guidance to the PBF portfolio in Somalia. Co-chaired by the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation and the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, the Committee membership includes representatives of implementing federal government line ministries, federal member states, civil society, and implementing UN entities.

Considering the project's implementation cycle, please **rate this project's overall progress towards results to date:**
on track

In a few sentences, summarize **what is unique/ innovative/ interesting** about what this project is trying/ has tried to achieve or its approach (rather than listing activity progress) (1500 character limit).

The PBF Secretariat supported by this project was created to allow for better coordination of the growing and increasingly complex portfolio of PBF projects in Somalia. As such, its function is relative to other projects in the portfolio and to ensure they remain aligned, interlinked, and complementary with each other and the Somali context. The establishment of a PBF Coordinator post at P4-level, combined with a national Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist will contribute to the portfolio reaching its full potential and that its impact can be properly measured.

During the reporting period, the PBF Secretariat has increased direct interaction with PBF donors with diplomatic presence in Somalia in an effort to share information about the work they indirectly support in Somalia through the PBF and to lay the foundation for fundraising efforts to ensure the PBF plays the catalytic role it is supposed to with regards to resource mobilisation.

A Twitter account for the PBF in Somalia was created in February 2019 as a way to increase visibility around the portfolio. The account currently has one thousand followers with a steady growth projection.

A Peacebuilding Reference Group for the UN in Somalia has been created. Its purpose is strengthen quality of PBF projects and to ensure that the PBF portfolio in Somalia remains closely aligned with political priorities and to the extent possible incorporate cross-cutting policies the UN is mandated to promote.

In a few sentences summarize **major project peacebuilding progress/results** (with evidence), which PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit): Most important progress includes the approval of the PBF portfolio and its successful launch in Mogadishu in February 2019. The event was well-covered in Somali media and on Twitter. Attendance including senior representatives of the Federal Government of Somalia, the Federal Member States, civil society, media, international community, and the UN in Somalia. Strong commitment to peacebuilding was expressed by the Government, including the role of the PBF in support of achieving the country's peacebuilding priorities.

The finalisation and approval of the new portfolio of projects funded by the PBF was another key result during the reporting period. The new projects address key peacebuilding priorities in Somalia and have potential to make a significant contribution to sustaining peace in Somalia and to catalyse additional resources from traditional donors for peacebuilding.

Preparations have begun for the renewal of Somalia's eligibility for PBF funding. This process will include a portfolio evaluation, joint conflict analysis, and an articulation of peacebuilding priorities for the next eligibility period. A discussion on Somalia in the UN Peacebuilding Commission is proposed and at the time of writing under discussion with relevant counterparts in the Government, the UN, and representatives of the international community with the idea having been well-received.

In a few sentences, explain how the project has made **real human impact**, that is, how did it affect the lives of any people in the country – where possible, use direct quotes that PBSO can use in public communications to highlight the project (1500 character limit): While the focus of the project is as a support function to the PBF portfolio in Somalia, the below quote from the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation is indicative of the strategic importance of the PBF in Somalia:

"The range of the projects we are launching today reflects the inter-linked nature of the issues they will address. We must support community reconciliation to improve local governance. Equally, we must support those displaced by conflict to find durable solutions as well as those who put down arms and reject conflict. Collectively these projects supported by the UN Peacebuilding Fund will allow us to address the challenges we face with a coherent and consistent focus that will deliver tangible benefits to our citizens and in doing so, help bring peace and stability to Somalia."

If the project progress assessment is **on-track**, please explain what the key **challenges** (if any) have been and which measures were taken to address them (1500 character limit). Key challenges to implementation have been administrative delays related to the recruitment of the national Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, which in turn has delayed the establishment of a portfolio-level M&E framework as planned. At the time of writing a

selected candidate for the position is undergoing security clearance prior to the contract is issued.

If the assessment is **off-track**, please list main reasons/ **challenges** and explain what impact this has had/will have on project duration or strategy and what **measures** have been taken/ will be taken to address the challenges/ rectify project progress (1500 character limit):

N/A

Please attach as a separate document(s) any materials highlighting or providing more evidence for project progress (for example: publications, photos, videos, monitoring reports, evaluation reports etc.). List below what has been attached to the report, including purpose and audience. Government press release following launch of the PBF portfolio in Mogadishu 2019.

1.2 Result progress by project outcome

The space in the template allows for up to four project outcomes. If your project has more approved outcomes, contact PBSO for template modification.

Outcome 1: Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and communication on the achievements of the PBF portfolio in Somalia and the continued growth of investment in peacebuilding programmes by the PBF or other modalities.

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: on track

Progress summary: *Describe main progress under this Outcome made during the reporting period (for June reports: January-June; for November reports: January-November; for final reports: full project duration), including major output progress (not all individual activities). If the project is starting to make/ has made a difference at the outcome level, provide specific evidence for the progress (quantitative and qualitative) and explain how it impacts the broader political and peacebuilding context. Where possible, provide specific examples of change the project has supported/ contributed to as well as, where available and relevant, quotes from partners or beneficiaries about the project and their experience. (3000 character limit)?*

The PBF Secretariat in the Resident Coordinator's Office in Somalia successfully supported the development of a new portfolio of six PBF-funded projects valued at 14 million USD in total and implemented by four UN entities in close partnership with UNSOM, government, and civil society. The projects were designed to be interlinked and complementary to each other and how they address the most pressing peacebuilding priorities in Somalia, related to displacement, reconciliation, extension of state authority, and land disputes. The new portfolio was launched at a well-attended and well-publicised event in Mogadishu on 18 February, co-chaired by the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation and the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia. Participants included representatives of federal government line ministries, federal member states, diplomatic community, media, civil society, and heads of UN agencies. In the words of the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation:

"Our commitment to peacebuilding is steadfast. It's at the heart of the work of my ministry and underpins government's agenda. We've made significant progress but much work remains to rebuild what we lost in the conflict & to mend the social fabric."

A reconstituted PBF Coordination Committee was established to provide high-level and strategic guidance to the PBF portfolio in Somalia. Co-chaired by the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation and the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, the Committee membership includes representatives of implementing federal government line ministries, federal member states, civil society, and implementing UN entities.

Outreach to PBF donors represented in Somalia was undertaken to inform about the PBF portfolio and the work the donors are supporting in Somalia indirectly through the PBF. A Twitter account for the PBF in Somalia was created in February 2019 to improve communication around the PBF portfolio and raise the profile of the work it. At the time of reporting the account has one thousand followers with a steady growth projection.

The PBF Secretariat supported the end reporting, evaluation and closure of five projects funded under previous allocations to Somalia. A mid-term evaluation was carried out for the Midnimo project to inform the final phase of that project and the implementation of its second phase approved as part of the 2018 allocation.

The PBF Secretariat contributed to efforts to improve joint conflict analysis between UN, government, and donor community in Somalia. By leveraging the PBF portfolio's programmatic focus and its position as a lead actor in support of peacebuilding, the PBF and the projects it supports is well-placed to play a role in coordinating international efforts to improve capacities for conflict sensitive programming.

Outcome 2:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select one

Progress summary: *(see guiding questions under Outcome 1)*

Outcome 3:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select one

Progress summary: *(see guiding questions under Outcome 1)*

Outcome 4:

Rate the current status of the outcome progress: Please select one

Progress summary: *(see guiding questions under Outcome 1)*

1.3 Cross-cutting issues

<u>National ownership:</u> How has the national government demonstrated	The PBF Secretariat is working closely with the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation in providing
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<p>ownership/ commitment to the project results and activities? Give specific examples. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>oversight to the PBF portfolio in Somalia. The government remains highly committed to peacebuilding and recognises the important role of the PBF in supporting strategic peacebuilding priorities in Somalia. Civil society engagement has been strengthened through direct support to CSOs developing proposals for PBF funding and by including the Somalia NGO Consortium in the PBF Coordination Committee for Somalia.</p>
<p>Monitoring: Is the project M&E plan on track? What monitoring methods and sources of evidence are being/ have been used? Please attach any monitoring-related reports for the reporting period. (1500 character limit)?</p>	<p>The development of a portfolio-level M&E framework is off track due to administrative delays in recruitment of the national staff M&E Specialist.</p> <p>Other M&E tasks, including project-level reporting, communication and evaluation is on track and being supported by the PBF Secretariat as appropriate.</p>
<p>Evaluation: Provide an update on the preparations for the external evaluation for the project, especially if within last 6 months of implementation or final report. Confirm available budget for evaluation. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>Preparations are ongoing for the portfolio evaluation as part of Somalia's request for renewed PBF eligibility. A project and budget revision is forthcoming to ensure available resources for the portfolio evaluation. Project-level evaluation for this project not yet relevant.</p>
<p>Catalytic effects (financial): Did the project lead to any specific non-PBF funding commitments? If yes, from whom and how much? If not, have any specific attempts been made to attract additional financial contributions to the project and beyond? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The project has laid the foundation for fundraising efforts for the PBF portfolio in Somalia. Interest has been noticed from several traditional donors in potentially funding programmatic areas currently supported by the PBF. These discussions will continue in the coming months.</p>
<p>Catalytic effects (non-financial): Did the project create favourable conditions for additional peacebuilding activities by Government/ other donors? If yes, please specify. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The interlinked and complementary nature of the new portfolio sets an example for how to promote peacebuilding in Somalia and how to leverage the expertise of different UN entities through joint programming.</p>
<p>Exit strategy/ sustainability: What steps have been taken to prepare for end of project and help ensure sustainability of the project results beyond PBF support for this project? (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The project provides a critical function in coordinating the growing and increasingly complex portfolio of PBF projects in Somalia. As such, it will remain in place for the foreseeable future. A cost extension is being prepared to ensure the continued existence of a PBF Secretariat at the current level in the Resident Coordinator's Office.</p>
<p>Risk taking: Describe how the project has responded to risks that threatened the achievement of results. Identify any new risks that have emerged since the last report. (1500 character limit)</p>	<p>The project has suffered administrative delays in the recruitment of the national M&E Specialist, which in turn is delaying the design and implementation of a portfolio-level M&E framework. At the time of reporting the issue has been resolved between the PBF Secretariat and UNDP as the contract-issuing agency.</p> <p>Other risks include potential delays to Somalia's request for renewed PBF eligibility, which would prevent any new PBF funding being allocated to Somalia after the expiry of the current eligibility period on 31 December 2018.</p>

	Preparations for the request are underway in close coordination with UNHQ and the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation.
Gender equality: In the reporting period, which activities have taken place with a specific focus on addressing issues of gender equality or women's empowerment? (1500 character limit)	The PBF Secretariat has worked with the UNSOM Senior Gender Advisor to strengthen the gender perspective in projects being developed for PBF funding, including those included in the 2018 allocation. Discussions are also underway to design gender peacebuilding markers to guide design and M&E of PBF projects in Somalia.
Other: Are there any other issues concerning project implementation that you want to share, including any capacity needs of the recipient organizations? (1500 character limit)	The project is preparing a cost extension request to better calibrate the support the PBF Secretariat will provide to Somalia as it prepares to request renewed eligibility for PBF funding, for the continued support to the existing PBF portfolio, and the design of new PBF-funded projects under a new PBF eligibility period. The cost extension request will be submitted to PBSO for their consideration in August 2019.

1.3 INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: *Using the Project Results Framework as per the approved project document or any amendments- provide an update on the achievement of key indicators at both the outcome and output level in the table below (if your project has more indicators than provided in the table, select the most relevant ones with most relevant progress to highlight). Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, state this and provide any explanation. Provide gender and age disaggregated data. (300 characters max per entry)*

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Outcome 1 Effective coordination, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and communication on the achievements of the PBF portfolio in Somalia and the continued growth of investment in peacebuilding programmes by the PBF or other	Indicator 1.1 Overall satisfaction with the support provided by the PBF Secretariat to UN, government, and civil society counterparts.	N/A	80% satisfaction rate	General satisfaction with the support provided by the PBF Secretariat remains high. A survey is being prepared to gather more data on the satisfaction level and to better understanding and quantifiable data on the kind of support requested by partners in the UN, government, and civil society.	Delays in the recruitment of the national M&E Specialist have had a knock-on effect on the rollout of the survey.	N/A
	Indicator 1.2 Continued growth of PBF portfolio in	35 million USD	40 million USD	With the allocation of 14 million USD in 2018, the	N/A	60 million USD

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modalities.	Somalia			indicator target has been surpassed by 6 million USD.		
	Indicator 1.3 Reporting for all PBF-funded projects as per established reporting schedule.	N/A	90% within seven days of deadline	Most reporting has been brought up to date, including ensuring relevant reports are available on the MPTF Gateway.	Some reports from older projects remain missing. For other projects PBF funding were mingled with other funding sources and as such reports were not provided in the established PBF template. As the PBF portfolio is undergoing a generational shift these problems should not reoccur.	N/A
Output 1.1 High-quality projects for PBF funding developed jointly by the UN, government and civil society counterparts	Indicator 1.1.1 The UN in Somalia and government counterparts jointly develop proposals and have them endorsed by the SDRF steering committee.	15 projects	20 projects	Six new projects were approved by the PBF in 2018.	N/A	25 projects
	Indicator 1.1.2 Strengthened partnership with civil society in the	Zero NGO-led PBF projects	Two NGO-led PBF projects	Civil society, through the Somalia NGO Consortium is a	N/A	N/A

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	implementation of PBF-funded projects			member of the PBF Coordination Committee in Somalia. The PBF Secretariat supported several NGOs with developing their proposals for the 2018 PBF GYPI process. Review at HQ level is being undertaken at the time of reporting.		
Output 1.2 Strengthened management structure and strategic position for the PBF portfolio in Somalia	Indicator 1.2.1 Proposal for revision endorsed by the PBF Coordination Committee	Not endorsed	Endorsed	The revised ToR for the PBF Coordination Committee was endorsed at its inaugural meeting on 29 April 2019	N/A	N/A
	Indicator 1.2.2 Increased use of joint project meetings	N/A	Bi-annual joint project meetings	No meetings held at time of reporting.	The projects under the new portfolio are still in their early stages of implementation. Joint project meetings are planned for the second half of 2019.	N/A

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Output 1.3 M&E and knowledge management framework that provides the information required for strategic planning, decision-making, and learning for the benefit of the PBF portoflio and the wider peacebuilding work in Somalia	Indicator 1.3.1 Endorsement by M&E and knowledge management framework by the PBF Coordination Committee and the project teams.	No framework	Framework endorsed	None	Implementation delayed due to administrative delays in the recruitment of the national M&E Specialist.	N/A
	Indicator 1.3.2 PBF joint monitoring visists	N/A	Joint monitoring visits to all projects undertaken	None	Joint monitoring visits being planned for the second half of 2019 once the projects have stepped up implementation.	N/A
Output 1.4	Indicator 1.4.1					
	Indicator 1.4.2					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
Outcome 2	Indicator 2.1					
	Indicator 2.2					
	Indicator 2.3					
Output 2.1	Indicator 2.1.1					
	Indicator 2.1.2					
Output 2.2	Indicator 2.2.1					
	Indicator 2.2.2					
Output 2.3	Indicator 2.3.1					
	Indicator 2.3.2					
Output 2.4	Indicator 2.4.1					
	Indicator 2.4.2					
Outcome 3	Indicator 3.1					
	Indicator 3.2					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	Indicator 3.3					
Output 3.1	Indicator 3.1.1					
	Indicator 3.1.2					
Output 3.2	Indicator 3.2.1					
	Indicator 3.2.2					
Output 3.3	Indicator 3.3.1					
	Indicator 3.3.2					
Output 3.4	Indicator 3.4.1					
	Indicator 3.4.2					
Outcome 4	Indicator 4.1					
	Indicator 4.2					
	Indicator 4.3					
Output 4.1	Indicator 4.1.1					

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baseline	End of project Indicator Target	Current indicator progress	Reasons for Variance/ Delay (if any)	Adjustment of target (if any)
	Indicator 4.1.2					
Output 4.2	Indicator 4.2.1					
	Indicator 4.2.2					
Output 4.3	Indicator 4.3.1					
	Indicator 4.3.2					
Output 4.4	Indicator 4.4.1					
	Indicator 4.4.2					

PART 2: INDICATIVE PROJECT FINANCIAL PROGRESS

2.1 Comments on the overall state of financial expenditures

Please rate whether project financial expenditures are on track, delayed, or off track, vis-à-vis project plans and by recipient organization: *on track*

How many project budget tranches have been received to date and when do you expect to request the next tranche if applicable: One budget tranche has been received at the time of reporting. A cost extension for the project is being prepared for submission in August 2019. The request for the second tranche should be filed towards end of 2019.

What is the overall level of expenditure/ commitment against the total budget and against the tranche(s) received so far: Expenditure at the time of reporting stands at 223,448 USD or 43% against the first tranche of 517,559 USD.

If expenditure is delayed or off track, please provide a brief explanation (500 characters limit): Primary reason for lower expenditure than planned is the administrative delays in the recruitment of the national M&E Specialist.

Please state what \$ amount was planned (in the project document) to be allocated to activities focussed on gender equality or women's empowerment and how much has been actually allocated to date: 35,000 USD was allocated to gender equality and women's empowerment activities. To date no funds have been specifically allocated to such activities.

Please fill out and attach the project document Excel budget Annex showing current project financial progress (**expenditures/ commitments to date**), using the original project budget table in Excel, even though the \$ amounts are indicative only.



Federal Republic of Somalia
Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs & Reconciliation

For Immediate Release:

**The Launching of Peacebuilding and Governance Initiatives in
Somalia**

Mogadishu, February 18, 2019 – The Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation (MoIFAR) together with its UN and international partners launched five new projects supported by the UN Peacebuilding Fund. The ceremony noted the importance of these projects for addressing conflicts, improving reconciliation, building governance structures and supporting durable solutions for displaced communities.

The ceremony featured high-level officials from the Federal Government, member states and UN representatives, including H.E. Abdi Sabrie, Federal Minister of Interior; H.E. Yusuf Ali, Director General at Ministry of Internal Security; Peter de Clercq, United Nations' Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for Somalia; Abdifitah A. Hassan, Director General at Banadir Regional Administration; George Conway, UNDP Country Director; and Ishaku Maitumbi, UN Habitat.

“The range of the projects we are launching today reflects the inter-linked nature of the issues they will address. We must support community reconciliation to improve local governance” said Minister Sabrie. He added, “Equally, we must support those displaced by conflict to find durable solutions as well as those who put down arms and reject conflict. Collectively these projects supported by the UN Peacebuilding Fund will allow us to address the challenges we face with a coherent and consistent focus that will deliver tangible benefits to our citizens and in doing so, help bring peace and stability to Somalia.”

In addition, MoIFAR welcomes the continued support of its partners and donor community, particularly UN Peacebuilding Support Office, for their continued support to Somalia. We also welcome similar initiatives from other donors in this important area to capitalize on the gains we made so far in peacebuilding.

The Federal Government of Somalia and its member states will coordinate efforts to deepen the peacebuilding activities across Somalia to support the attainment of the goals and vision set forth in our Transition Plan and in particular the accompanying Roadmaps on both Justice and Security, and Inclusive Politics.

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