FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE 2ND ROUND OF TALKS HELD FOR THE DELEGATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ISLAMIC COURTS BY THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES COMMITTEE ON SOMALIA

KHARTOUM, 02 – 04TH SEPTEMBER 2006

On 2 -04th September 2006, second round of talks for the delegation of the Transitional Federal Government and Islamic Courts was held in Khartoum to complement the 1st round that was convened in Khartoum on 22nd of June 2006. To ascertain the aspirations of the Somali people in attaining peace, stability and reconstruction, the talks has been conducted in a mutual and brotherly atmosphere. The two sides agreed the following:

1. To honour and implement provisions of the agreement signed jointly in Khartoum -Sudan on 22nd June 2006.
2. To reconstitute the Somali National army and the national police force and work towards reintegration of the forces of the Islamic Courts, the TFG and other armed militias in the country. This will be realised through an agreed framework that will be in place during the agreement on the political programme.
3. The two sides agreed to practise the principles of good neighbourhood and peaceful co-existence between Somalia and its neighbouring countries as well as non-interference of each others affairs so as to create conducive atmosphere to build understanding and confidence.
4. The two sides should refrain from helping, rearming and encouraging warlords.
5. The two sides should honour the unity and the nationhood of the Somali people.
6. The two sides should honour the will of the Somali people wherever they are.
7. The remaining aspects of this agreement including discussions on political, power-sharing and security issues would be deliberated on the 3rd round of the talks.
8. Institute a joint committee that would follow-up the agreement and at the same time exchange visits to build confidence and mutual collaboration.
9. The two sides agreed formation of a technical committee consisting of the Arab League Presidency - Sudan, Arab League General Secretariat, Arab League Committee on Somalia and others from the Transitional Federal Government and Union of the Islamic Courts.
10. The two sides agreed to meet again in Khartoum -Sudan for the 3rd phase of the talks on 30th October 2006.
11. Present at the meeting were: United Nations, Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), The European Union, African Union and Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). It was also agreed that the above stated organisations would participate in the upcoming meetings that would discuss aforementioned issues.
12. The two sides expressed their gratitude to the people and the government of Sudan as well as President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir for hosting the talks and at the same time reaffirmed their commitment in pursuance of measures to ascertain the aspiration of the Somali people.

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Done in Khartoum, Tuesday 04th September 2006.