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In the name of Allah most Gracious most Merciful

**An Agreement between the Transitional Federal Government
and the Puntland Regional State of Somalia**

23 August 2009

A high level delegation lead by Omar Abdurashid Ali Sharmarke, Prime Minister of the Transitional Federal Government, arrived for an official visit in the town of Galkayo, Puntland, where he was warmly received by the leaders of the Puntland Regional State including President Abdurahmam Mohamed Mohamued "Farole".

The two sides agreed on the following points:

1. To strengthen the Unity and Sovereignty of the Somali State and the TFG recognized Puntland as part of the Somali Republic, committed to peace, stability, law and order, with functioning administration and it is spearheading the Federal System of Administration in Somalia.
2. To speed-up the drafting of the Federal Constitution and nominate a Committee that will implement and conduct a referendum on the Constitution.
3. To implement issues related to the constitution and the establishment of the Federal System of administration; to two sides agreed to set-up a centre in Garowe for the Constitution Drafting Committee. Puntland will provide the necessary help to the Committee to allow it fulfil its mandate.
4. In reference to the Transitional Federal Charter, the two sides agreed to speed up the establishment of the remaining Federal States, encourage and offer the necessary support to Puntland Regional State.
5. Puntland, as a regional administration, will participate in meetings pertaining to its interests.
6. The TFG promises that it will strive with Puntland on ways of identifying and completing the developmental programs that were undertaken in Puntland by F.A.I. (Fondo Aiuto Italiano) before the collapse of the Somali Government in 1991.
7. The two sides agreed to establish training facilities in Puntland for the armed Somali forces and provide necessary logistics and material support.
8. While acknowledging the threat being posed on the Regions in Puntland by the pirates, the TFG and the Puntland Administration agreed to establish a large centre for the Somali Marine Forces and called on the International Community to provide the proposed centre with the adequate support.
9. The TFG and the Puntland agreed to jointly cooperate on means of fighting pirates and illegal immigrants who are posing threats to the overall peace in Somalia particularly in the Puntland area.

10. The two sides agreed to give 25% of education bursaries received by the TFG. These bursaries should be given through competitive examinations manned by the Puntland Ministry of Education and in this regard the TFG Ministry of Higher Education will play a supervisory role.
11. The TFG Ministry of Education and that of Puntland shall have a joint working relationship and shall harmoniously work on means of training teachers and headmasters/headmistress. They will also work on means of unifying the curriculum of the Somali Education System.
12. The two sides agreed that offices of International Agencies involved in Somali affairs should be relocated to peaceful areas in Somalia such as Puntland.
13. The TFG and Puntland are appealing for the development and protection of the Islamic Religion and norms. They also appealed for the enhancement of Somali language, poetry, and protection of Somali Museums and historical sites.
14. The two sides also agreed to maintain permanent contacts with Somalis abroad and encourage them to preserve their culture, religion, language and to further encourage them to take part in the rehabilitation of the country. The Somalis are also advised to live in honour and dignity with the communities that host and offer them resettlement opportunities.
15. Lastly, the two sides were in agreement that the Ministries of the TFG and those of the Puntland Regional Administration should establish permanent working relationship.

Galkayo, 23 August 2009

Signatures

Omar Abdurashid Ali Sharmarke
Prime Minister

Abdurahmam Mohamed Mohamued "Farole".
President of Puntland State