



## COUNCIL OF INTER-STATE COOPERATION

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**To:**

Mr. Phil Evans, Co-Chair of SDRF  
Mr. Per Karisson, Co-Chair of SDG  
Mr. Guglielmo Giordano, Co-Chair of SDG

**Re: Council of Inter-State Cooperation(CiC) Position on the Special Arrangements**

Dear all,

Reference to your letter dated 13th June 2018 and consultations with the Federal Government of Somalia regarding the matter of Special Arrangements, we wish to assert our position and express our reservations on the interventions by some of the members of the Somalia Donor Group.

We appreciate the important commitments of support by the International Community, particularly the Somalia Donor Group, who have stood with Somalia during difficult periods and are now at the forefront of the reconstruction and recovery efforts. With your support, the social-economic and political situation of the country continues to evolve. However, we disagree with the biased interventions, voiced through the nonstop lobbying for special arrangements to one State/regions and not considering the unique situation of the neediest States/regions of Somalia.

We strongly support the position of the Federal Government of Somalia as communicated by H.E. Amb. Gamal Hassan in his letter of 9th June, 2018 on the subject of renewal of an expired special arrangement, which, at the 2013 New Deal Compact was agreed for only a set period (2013-2016). Any new special arrangements should reflect the economic situation of each FMS and should not be inclined towards any single State/region or damaging to the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the country.

Additionally, we should continue to strengthen existing mechanisms and avoid further fragmentation of the country. The improving capacity of the Federal Government and the progressing coordination within FGS, with each State/region, and with our international partners has facilitated the implementation of the National Development Plan. These advances have also ensured the realization of the primarily coordination mechanism between Somalia and its donor partners—the Somalia Development and Reconstruction Facility (SDRF).

The lobbying for special arrangements in favor of one state/region over others by some donors confirms our reservations in the leadership of the SDRF and may cause us to revisit our participation in this aid architecture.

To this end, we anticipate that our international partners will appreciate the progress made and align their support on agreed mechanisms that reflect the considerations of all regions.

Please accept, the assurance of our highest considerations.

**From**

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