

4th of May 2017 UK Somali Civil Society meeting final communiqué

Att.: Somalia conference in London on the 11th of May 2017

CC.: International Press

CC.: Rt Hon Minister for Africa (Tobias Ellwood)

CC.: Rt Hon Somali Federal republic Minister of Finance (Dr A. Beyle)

CC.: Sir Nicolas Kay UK special envoy for Horn of Africa

CC.: International Monetary Fund (IMF)

CC.: World Bank

CC.: Michael Keating Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia.

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Subject:. Somalia Debt relief SOS communiqué

This communiqué is as the direct result of the UK Somali civil society meeting on the 4th of may 2017 held in London. The meeting was present by over 78 prominent UK Somali organizations, political figures incl. Former prime minister, diplomats, scholars, activists and organized and hosted by Friends of the Horn Foundation (Lead organization and campaigner for Somalia debt relief).

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Following are the final outcome of the UK Somali civil society meeting in London on the 04th of May 2017;

- 1. Somali people/civil society throughout the world and its government must gather forces to request a full, genuine and meaningful debt relief for Somalia.**
- 2. That we recognize the power and influence UK government has throughout world, incl. Having important seats and say to International bodies such as IMF and World Bank.**
- 3. We recognize that UK is Somalia's current close ally and it is the UK government who is hosting this important and milestone conference for Somalia.**
- 4. We recognize that Somalia will not be eligible neither new loan nor new investment as long as this debt is overhanging over our country.**

Finally having seen all the above, the UK Somali civil society would hereby like to submit this communiqué officially requesting from UK government to spare no effort to work with both the Somali civil societies and Somali government towards a meaningful and productive debt relief for Somalia. So that Somalia could finally move forward, support its institutions, people and the overall economic growth of the country.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

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