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To: President of Federal Government of Somalia
Cc: Speaker of Lower house of Federal Government of Somalia
Cc: Speaker of Upper House of Federal Government of Somalia
Cc: The World Bank Group
Cc: The International Monetary Fund
Cc: The Paris Club
Cc: African Development Bank
Cc: United Kingdom Government
Cc: The United States Government
Cc: The European Union
Cc: The Arab League
Cc: The African Union

Urgent Communiqué

Somalia Debt Relief Implications on current Somalia political situation.

In the light of past 24 hours events in Somalia politics and the magnitude of efforts needed for Somalia to smoothly reach Heavily Indebted Poor Country (HIPC) initiative completion point in March 2023.

Somali Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) herewith led by Friends of the horn foundation ([The lead campaign organisation for Somalia Debt Relief](#))

would hereby appeal to the offices and Institutions this communiqué is directly addressed to in relation to detrimental impact the current political situation could have on Somalia debt relief process.

- ❖ Given perfectly synchronized cooperation between Somalia Ministry of Finance and international financial institutions (IFIs), to bring Somalia debt relief process where it is today.
- ❖ Given the huge effort exerted by creditor countries and institutions such as The Paris Club on Somalia debt relief process.
- ❖ Given the unequivocal need for Somalia to achieve smooth transition to reach HPIC completion point in 2023.
- ❖ Given the current political situation and expected formation of completely new cabinet.
- ❖ Given enthusiasm of Somali public and colossal expectations public has as to when Somalia finally arrives debt relief finish line in 2023.

We the civil society and campaign organisations are concerned the negative impact any change of continuity could have on Somalia meeting its national goal of crossing debt cancellation finish line.

We are concerned and worried the negative impact any sudden change on guard could bring about to Somalia debt relief process.

Finally we appeal to the President and legislature to consider our plea and not to lose sustained efforts of the past several years and avoid any setbacks caused by current political reality.

For Somalia to reach HPIC completion point in 2023, we stress that sustained continuity is the key for achieving that objective.

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