

SSC TRADITIONAL LEADERS COUNCIL

Garowe

November 28, 2008

To: European Union (Somalia Operations)
To: UN Agencies
To: INGOs

Nairobi
Nairobi/New York
Nairobi/Hargiesa/Garowe

Sub: Sool, Sanaag and Ayn Regions of Somalia

Dear all;

We the traditional leaders of the Sool, Sanaag and Ayn regions of Somalia hereby declare that these regions are not part of the secessionist entity in North Western Somalia. The clans and the Somali communities in our regions do not and will not support the division of the country, besides that, one clan's claim can not in no way change the reality and the lawful unity act of 1960.

Over the years, the secessionists used the humanitarian funds from the international community to further their illegal agenda at the expense of the people in SSC regions, therefore, we call upon the responsible bodies of the international community to review their operations in Northern Somalia and come up with new strategies that is acceptable to all the clans and the people in this part of the country.

On the other hand, we inform you the much publicized elections of the secessionists never took place in our regions and will not take place this time. In one report Interpeace (formerly WSP) rightly asked "what are the implications of the elections not taking place in the whole of the country?" the answer is obvious because the SSC regions firmly rejected the secessionist's blunders.

The occupation of Lasanod does not lend any clout to Hargiesa's claim, heavily armed forces are facing each other just outside of the city and it's a matter of time the conflict to flare up.

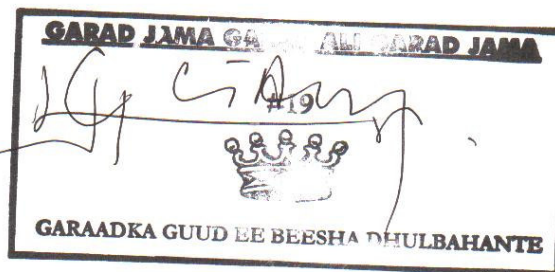
We warn the international community not to fund one clan's actions and ideology in North Western regions that will add fuel to the conflict and reignite the civil war. Supporting and funding the elections will only serve as precedence to bloodshed because it will encourage the secessionists to encroach our regions, then our unwilling people will resist and the result will be disastrous civil war.

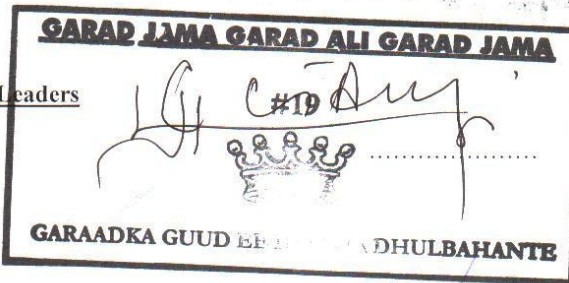
We believe the international community will share the responsibility of the consequences in funding one clan's agenda. Therefore, we urge the EU, the UN Agencies and INGOs in Somalia to support true reconciliation and analyze and consider the situation in SSC regions to find out the reality on the ground.

We look forward to your fair consideration of the issues in this letter.

With Thanks

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Names and Signatures of SSC Traditional Leaders

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2. Garaad Sulieman Garaad Mohamed Garaad Mohamoud

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3. Garaad Abdullahi Garaad Sofe



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