



**JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON BILATERAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF
SOMALIA
AND
THE CABINET SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

The Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia and the Government of the Republic of Kenya;

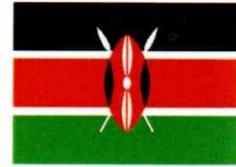
RECOGNISING the historic friendly relations between the two countries; and DESIRING to strengthen and further deepen the relations between the two countries;

BUILDING on their mutual commitment to regional stability; and a firm commitment to the principles of democracy, human rights and the common objective of fostering human and economic contact across borders;

CONVINCED that cooperation will serve the common interests of the two peoples;

The two Ministers agreed as follows:

1. To expeditiously organize the 3rd Session of the Somalia – Kenya Joint Commission for Cooperation, the joint framework through which the two countries will undertake comprehensive discussions and develop clear modalities for implementing commitments in the areas of mutual interest including: Diplomatic Relations; Trade and Investment; Education and Capacity Building; Agriculture, Livestock Development Fisheries and the Blue Economy; Defence and Security; Tourism; and People-to-People interactions.
2. The Ministers welcome the return of their respective ambassadors to their diplomatic stations in Mogadishu and Nairobi, affirming



that this was a pointer to the commitment to open a new chapter in the bilateral relations to correspond with the aspirations of both the governments and the people of the two neighbouring countries.

3. The Ministers also reiterated the importance of regional stability and committed to work together, with other colleagues in the region and the international community to promote peace and security within the horn of Africa region and beyond.
4. The Ministers also noted the threat posed by terrorism, extremism and other organized transnational crimes, and welcomed regional and international efforts to eradicate these vices.
5. The Ministers undertook to facilitate meetings of the Joint Technical Committee the Ministries responsible for the Security, Border Management and Migration, to convene on a priority basis to consider issues relating to ease movement of people, goods and services across the common border and practical measures to counter illicit trade and illegal migration. The Ministers also undertook to facilitate the meeting of the Trade and Transport Ministers to consider modalities for promoting bilateral trade.
6. The Cabinet Secretary was granted audience with His Excellency Mohammed Abdullahi Mohammed Farmajo, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, during which she conveyed warm greetings and a message of goodwill from H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, to H.E. President Farmajo, and through him to the Government and People of Somalia. The Cabinet Secretary briefed H.E. the President on the outcome of the fruitful discussions that she had held with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Government of Somalia. She reaffirmed Kenya's commitment to deepen relations with Somalia and to work together to promote peace and security within the region.
7. H.E. President Farmajo welcomed the visit by the Cabinet Secretary and the outcome of the consultations between the two Ministers and affirmed his own commitment and that of his

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government to the pursuit of peace, stability and good neighbourliness. H.E. the President conveyed through the Cabinet Secretary, warm greetings and best wishes to H.E. President Kenyatta, to the Government and the People of Kenya.

8. The Minister and Cabinet Secretary also paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia Hon. Mohammed Hussein Roble, during which they briefed him on the outcome of the consultations. The Hon. Prime Minister welcomed and encouraged the Ministers to embark on their plan of action and to re-energize the historical relations between the two countries. The Prime Minister affirmed that he will be undertaking an official visit to Nairobi in the coming days, to further strengthen the bilateral relations.
9. The Minister of Foreign Affairs accompanied the Cabinet Secretary to the official opening ceremony of the new premises of the Chancery of the Embassy of Kenya in Somalia.
10. At the conclusion of the official visit, the Minister and the Cabinet Secretary undertook to continue holding regular consultations on issues of mutual interest. The Cabinet Secretary extended an invitation to the Minister to visit Kenya, which the latter graciously accepted.

Issued in Mogadishu, Somalia on 8th August 2021

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