

# **Civil Society/NSAs Position Paper: In Support and Recommendations to the Newly Elected President and Speaker of the Somali Parliament.**

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Venue: Kuwait Plaza Hotel, Mogadishu, Somalia

Date: Sunday, 23/09/2012.

Participants: 38 Civil Society Members

Addressed issues:

1. Reconciliation
2. Security and stability
3. Good Governance

Representatives from nearly forty Civil Society Organizations including religious men, women, youth, private sectors, professionals and traditional elders attended a consultation meeting in support of the new government organized by Somalia South Central Non – State Actors (SOSCENSA), during the meeting participants discussed in detail on the issues of reconciliation, security and good governance and finally came up with the following statement;

Tasks expected the new Somali Government to undertake:

- I. Reconciliation
  - a) Draw up inclusive political and Social Genuine Reconciliation Plan
  - b) Reconciliation based on justice and equality.
  - c) Bottom up local community Peace building.
  - d) Disarmament Demobilization Reintegration Program.
- II. Security and stability:
  - a) Government to unify and reconstruct and Re-structuring of Somalia security forces in order to have;
    - Law and order through the country
    - Police and intelligence forces strengthened and re-organized
    - To register properly all freelance militia
    - To in put in place effective judiciary system through the country
    - Strengthening essential basic services and social protection or Timely delivery of basic needs of people and protect them
  - b) Government to realize the existing National and Security Stabilization plan
  - c) Strengthening neighborhood guides in every district of the country in order to complete and enough security.
- III. Good Governance:
  - a) Government to undertake implementing National referendum on the provisional constitution.
  - b) Government should immediately put in place effective transparent and Accountability in public finance management system within state structure.
  - c) Government establishes independent and effective anti-corruption commission and put in record the private property of every senior government officials.
  - d) Government promotes civic education for the public and government institution.
  - e) Government puts in place effective and clean government machinery.
  - f) Government staff must pose the necessary now/how and come through public examination.
  - g) Government establishes Multi-party system in place.
  - h) Government sets up comprehensive national work plan.

#### IV. Humanitarian Assistance:

1. First of all the government has to develop a concrete strategic plan outlining working relations between the government, International Community and Humanitarian Agents.

b. Government insures and coordinates that humanitarian assistance reaches directly without hindrance the needy people.

c. Government gets prepare receiving and resettling the returning refugees and IDPs outside and inside of the country.

#### Role of Somali Civil Society/NSAs:

1. Civil Society actors including religious, women, youth, private sectors, and traditional elders should fully support to the new government on issues of security, reconciliation, good governance, paying taxes, material and moral contributions realizing that the government without their commitment and support cannot do much.

2. Scholars in Diaspora should return their country with the aim to contribute their knowledge and experience.

3. The Civil Society/NSAs are expected to organize; awareness raising, consultation meetings, fundraising campaigns, data collection, facilitate trainings on security reconciliation and good governance, organize peaceful demonstrations on issues of common interest and fully participate taking part implementing security of the country and identify trouble makers.

#### Role of International Community:

1. International Community should establish their embassies in Somali as soon as possible like the Republic of Turkey.

2. International humanitarian service groups should be relocated in Somalia and the government provides them with the necessary protection.

3. International Community should directly work with the new Somali government on issues concerning humanitarian services including; development, humanitarian assistance because if they relocate their services into Somalia, it will reduce sharply the chronic youth un-employment and more resources will come in to the country.

4. Government should establish especial technical committee to work with international humanitarian organizations.

5. Role of international community in regard to the reconciliation, security and good governance?

#### a. **Reconciliation:**

- NSAs recommends the planning and implementing of the Somali reconciliation processes to be left for the Somali people to carry it out with the financial support of the international community
- Government establishes independent Reconciliation Trust Commission including women activists to deal with settling conflicts with the financial support of the international community

#### b. **Security:**

- International Community provides economic and technical now/how to the government to insure the implementation of the National Security and Stabilization Plan.

#### c. **Good governance:**

- International Community provides necessary facilities and financial resources to put in place the realization of good governance practice

#### Conclusion:

In conclusion Somali Civil Society Organization/NSAs fully support the democratically elected new president H.E. Hassan sheikh Mahmoud and the Parliament speaker H.E. Mohamed sheikh Osman Jawaari, and recommend to the president to select a Prime Minister with ability to put together and lead effective and transparent cabinet.