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Statement by

**H.E Mr. Abukar Dahir Osman
Ambassador Permanent Representative
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to the United Nations
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at
“Adoption on UNSOM”**

Madame President,

At the outset, I would like to send our sincere condolences to your governments and those families who were impacted by the massacre at the elementary in Uvalde, Texas.

Somalia welcomes the unanimous adoption of this resolution renewing the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Somalia for five months to conduct the strategic review by October.

This is the moment for the international community to renew its commitment to the Somali people and, at the same time, to strengthen coordination and consistency in the efforts among different entities and agencies of the United Nations and other regional and international partners, and thus creating an environment capable of advancing Federal Government Somalia’s priorities to achieve political stability, security, and sustainable development.

Despite all the progress of the Federal Governments of Somalia in many areas since the establishment of the special political mission in Somalia, UNSOM’s mandate and activities seem to be increasing in a way that is unproportionate.

This has caused the mission's actions to become more reactive to the events with little ability to prioritize and address properly evolving political and security developments. We look forward to engaging with the Department of Political Affairs in a consultative process of analysis and assessment of the current mandate in the process of the strategic review.

Madame President,

We believe that the following three considerations should guide us on the SG strategic review:

First, we stress that in formulating options for the future United Nations presence, it must be led by the needs and expectations of the Somalis and their leadership. The review must take into account the need for national ownership and must be always aligned with national priorities. The Somali Government is now in a position to articulate those priorities and lead the discourse.

Second, it is important that in the process of the review to identify clearly defined, measurable and realistic benchmarks to track UNSOM's timely execution and achievement of its tasks while reducing fragmentation to advance efficient and effective delivery. Furthermore, the "end state" must be clear encompassing a common understanding and shared vision of the roadmap for the transition from Special Political Mission to United Nations Country Team.

Last but not least, the international community must remain strongly committed to the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Somalia. The United Nations presence should be geared towards safeguarding territorial integrity and federalism in Somalia. Different interpretations and discussions of federalism in terms of power-sharing or revenue-sharing among Somalis in different regions should not alter the UN shared commitment for a strong and united Somalia. It is also crucial that all necessary efforts continue to be undertaken to implementing measures against the internal and external actors, who are attempting to undermine the peace and stability in the country.

In conclusion,

we look forward to Secretary General's strategic review of United Nations efforts in Somalia, which we trust will take into account progress as it presents

options, which are fully aligned Federal Government's priorities to enhancing United Nations system coordination in Somalia. It is essential that the United Nations work in a spirit of collaboration and synergy with the Federal Government of Somalia.

We have taken significant steps towards achieving peace and stability and towards establishing a more legitimate and representative Government, with new leadership capable of guiding the future of the Somali people. While we look with optimism on the significant progress achieved in security matters, we are aware that that progress must be consolidated on various fronts. Somalia as a viable member of the United Nations is ready to contribute to guiding our country, our region, and the world towards peace, sustainable development and economic growth.