

Joint statement by the UN, AU, EU, IGAD, UK and US Envoys to Somalia

International partners welcome efforts by local elders in the central regions to mediate peaceful solution in Guricel

Mogadishu, 24 February 2015 – The United Nations, African Union, European Union, Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), United Kingdom and the United States of America have welcomed efforts by local elders and business people in Somalia’s central regions to mediate a peaceful solution to the recent conflict in Guricel. They expressed concern about the humanitarian impact and loss of life stemming from the conflict and called upon all parties to refrain from violence.

They said: “We look forward to the conclusion of the valuable Dhuusamareb reconciliation conference, and look forward to the swift launch of the state formation conference in Adaado. The significant human suffering that has resulted from the conflict is unacceptable; we urge all parties to the conflict to refrain from violence and make concerted efforts to de-escalate tensions. Differences must be resolved through peaceful means and dialogue. We attach great importance to the swift conclusion of an inclusive and fully representative process leading to the establishment of an interim administration in the central regions.”