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#### **UN Special Representative commends the completion of the establishment of the Galmudug regional assembly**

**Mogadishu, 28 June 2015** – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Somalia (SRSG) Nicholas Kay welcomed the election of the Speaker of the Galmudug regional assembly by members of the assembly in Adaado, on 27 June. The SRSG congratulated the newly elected speaker, Mr. Ali Ga'al Asir, and expressed satisfaction with the completion of this important stage of the Central Regions' state formation process.

“I commend Mr. Abdirahman Mohamed Husen, Minister of Interior and Federal Affairs, the Technical Committee, and the regional assembly members for conducting a successful, transparent process of electing the Speaker and Deputy Speakers. The regional assembly now has the critical task of electing the President of the Galmudug Regional Administration. I urge them to conduct this important process in a similarly transparent and credible manner, and bring the state formation process to a successful conclusion,” SRSG Kay said.

The SRSG also congratulated Mr. Asir’s newly elected deputies, Mr. Hared Ali Hared and Mr. Mohamed Sheikh Ahmed Ma’alin.

The election of the Speaker and his deputies marks the completion of the establishment of the Galmudug regional assembly. UNSOM will continue to extend its full support to the state formation process which is entering its final stage and will conclude with the election of a President, scheduled on 4 July.

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