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UN Representative for Somalia welcomes agreement on new Interim South West Administration in Baidoa

Mogadishu, 23 June 2014 – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Somalia (SRSG), Nicholas Kay, welcomed the agreement today to establish a new interim regional administration in south west Somalia.

Under the leadership of the Federal Government, supporters of two different state formation processes met in Mogadishu and agreed to establish a new Interim South West Administration, including the regions of Bay, Bakool and Lower Shabelle.

“I welcome the agreement to establish a new Interim South West Administration in accordance with Somalia’s Provisional Constitution. I congratulate all parties for their commitment to finding a solution through peaceful dialogue and patient negotiation. I urge all parties to continue to work closely with the Federal Government and ensure an inclusive administration is established swiftly. The Federal Government will also need to continue to consult community elders and local stakeholders to ensure that residual issues are addressed in an inclusive and conciliatory manner.

“Today’s agreement is a significant step forward in Somalia’s progress towards federalism. I congratulate all parties on the agreement and look forward to working with the new administration within the context of the New Deal Somalia Compact. It will also clear the way for improved security and a more effective campaign against Al Shabaab. As an observer of today’s agreement, the United Nations is committed to supporting the Federal Government’s peace-building and state-building efforts.” Mr Kay said.

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