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UN Envoy for Somalia welcomes inauguration of Galmudug Interim Administration President

Adaado, 23 July 2015 – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) for Somalia, Nicholas Kay, welcomed the inauguration of Abdikarim Hussein Guled as the President of the newly formed Galmudug Interim Administration (GIA).

Speaking at a ceremony held in Adaado, SRSG Kay said, “I congratulate President Abdikarim Hussein Guled and Vice President Mohamed Hashi Abdi. You have been elected and entrusted by the Galmudug Parliament to take on huge responsibility in building the governance of this region; to ensure fairness in delivering services, and to provide security to the population.”

SRSG Kay also congratulated the Federal Government of Somalia, the Technical Committee, clan representatives, and all the people of Galmudug who made this day possible.

“I encourage the Federal Government and the GIA to reach out and work constructively to resolve any differences with Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama’a through dialogue and consultations to find a lasting settlement,” said SRSG Kay. “The international community is ready to support mediation efforts.”

“The international community is committed to the agreement signed between the Federal Government and Puntland Government in Garowe in October 2014 that should enable communities in Puntland and GIA to coexist in peace.”

“The United Nations remains committed to providing support as we move forward and as you face new challenges. The way ahead will be neither smooth nor easy but with your determination, I am confident that you will succeed.”

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