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Excellency and Dear Brother,

I wish to take this opportunity to express to you my gratitude and that of the government and the People of Somalia for the unwavering and unconditional support you have given to the peace process in Somalia. We also appreciate the diplomatic, political and other support we receive from you and your government. The constant, untiring welcome mat that we receive every time we come through our second home in Nairobi is something that we will not forget. Excellency we are particularly indebted for training and equipping our forces in Kenya. We pray that a peaceful Somalia and region will enjoy a strengthened friendship and prosperity.

Excellency,

I write to you this letter to inform you that the bilateral security responsibilities including the coordination and follow up of the Somali forces in training in Kenya that we previously assigned to our former Minister of Defense and current Minister of Air and Land Transportation H.E. Dr. Mohamed Abdi Gandi is hereby transferred to our Current Ministry of Defense and that the responsibility of the regional Administrators trained in Kenya be transferred to our Ministry of the Interior.

Our Prime Minister H.E. Omar Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke and his delegation are in Nairobi and will be introducing to your team our current Minister of Defense H.E. Mr. Abdallah Boss Ahmed and Interior Minister of State H.E. Mr. Abdirashid Mohamed Hiddig who will take over these responsibilities. It is our hope that they will in turn be introduced to the relevant authorities so that they can embark on their duties at this critical juncture.

Excellency, I assure you of the fact that we highly value your opinions, advice and vision. There are people who are unhappy with the training that you have provided for our forces and the regional administrations and wish to deny this region and Somalia any peace and stability. We wish to correct this situation administratively

by bringing the military force under the department of Defense and the regional administrations under the ministry of Interior.

Excellency, we base these decisions on our need for peace and stability in Somalia and true and accurate picture we have about the facts on the ground throughout Somalia in general, and for this region in particular. It is also our believe that this course of action will clear the confusion surrounding the newly trained force and the regional administrations.

I remain confident that the long tradition of cordial relations that exist between Somalia and Kenya will be further strengthened under your guidance. With your leadership, wisdom and help, the ties of friendship between Somalia and Kenya will be strengthened still further, for the benefit of our countries and people.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sharif Sheikh Ahmed
President



H.E. Mwai Kibaki
President of the Republic of Kenya