



Federal Republic of Somalia

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Somalia has traveled a long road to recovery, but we still struggle with consequences of over 20 years of displacement due to conflict. We are now dealing with approximately 2.6 million IDPs; which are between 20-25% of our population. Also, we have close to one million Somalis with refugee/asylum status outside of Somalia, 92,000 refugee returnees, and we host over 30,000 refugees.

These startling statistics for Somalia have forced us to rethink how we can push the development agenda forward. Our first step on the road to development is the new 5-year National Development Plan 9, 2020-2024. NDP 9 focuses on reduction of poverty levels for all Somalis, including refugees, returnees, IDPs and vulnerable host communities. We need to uplift everyone for true development to take place. Also, as a base for us to build durable solutions on we have in place the National Refugee-returnee & IDP Policy, the Interim Protocol on Housing, Land and Property, and the National Evictions Guidelines. Also, we are proud to announce the recent ratification of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of IDPs in Africa (Kampala Convention).

Somalia is applying a “Whole of Government Approach” to address the issues facing displacement affected communities through the newly formed Durable Solutions Secretariat. The goal of the Secretariat is to strengthen and coordinate the national and sub-national durable solutions efforts, to bring forth collective outcomes that can tackle the longstanding challenges of displacement.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present to you Somalia's commitments for the next 5 years that were identified through a multi-stakeholder consultation process:

Commitment #1

**Relocation and Reintegration for 5,000 Refugees, 25,000 Refugee-Returnees and 50,000 IDPs across Federal Member States, including provision of protection and basic services.**

Commitment #2

**Creation of 250,000 new jobs (25% for IDPs & Refugee-Returnees) by creating an environment that enables the private sector to create jobs in agriculture, light manufacturing and construction sectors.**

Commitment #3

**Find a permanent solution for the recurring flood/drought cycle that leads to displacement along the Shabelle and Jubba river regions.**

Commitment #4

**Strengthening the provision of durable solutions to all displaced populations and refugee-returnees through developing an inclusive and rigorous National Durable Solutions Strategy and reinforcing the National Durable Solutions Secretariat.**

Also critical to all our commitments is the continuation of the government efforts at peace building within Somalia. To realize true international responsibility and burden sharing, we need access to direct long-term development funding and technical support that will allow the government to achieve its commitments to build resilience and achieve durable solutions.

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