



**Federal Republic of Somalia**  
**Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation**

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24 October 2013

Ambassador Kim Sook, Chair  
Security Council Committee Pursuant to Resolutions 751 (1992)  
and 1907 (2009) Concerning Somalia and Eritrea  
c/o Hon. Kelvin Ong, Secretary  
Security Council Committee  
The United Nations  
730 Third Avenue, TB-08040C  
New York, NY 10017

Dear Ambassador Sook:

Subject: Official Response of the Federal Republic of Somalia to Report of the United Nations Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea issued on 12 July 2013

The Federal Republic of Somalia (“Somalia”) respectfully submits the accompanying official response dated 30 August 2013 to the Report of the United Nations Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea issued on 12 July 2013 (“UNMG 2013 Report”). Somalia further requests that the Chair and the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea (“751 Committee”) make part of the official record of the 751 Committee and all other repositories of the United Nations for the UNMG 2013 Report, Somalia’s official response, titled “The Federal Government of Somalia’s Response to Annex 5.2 of the Report of the United Nations Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea,” including all Annexes thereto (“Official Response”). Additionally, Somalia requests that the Secretary of the 751 Committee distribute the Official Response to all members of the 751 Committee, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to representatives of all member states to whom the Monitoring Group and/or the 751 Committee distributed the UNMG 2013 Report.

In connection with the submission of the Official Response, Somalia respectfully makes three additional requests. The first is that the Security Council and the 751 Committee consider and adopt promptly each of the ten Recommendations contained in the Official Response relating specifically to the United Nations Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea. The ten recommendations related to the Monitoring Group are important to ensuring the going-forward integrity and credibility of the monitoring process, which Somalia understands fully and respects.

Attached to this letter is a full text excerpt of Section X., Recommendations, Subsection C., Action Regarding Monitoring Group, from pages 67 through 68 of the Official Response. In connection with and to provide further context to this request, Somalia will make available to appropriate staff of the Security Council and the 751 Committee the experts who prepared the Official Response.

The second and third requests are as follows. One is that the Security Council, upon considering the full Official Response, reconsider and revise further paragraph 25(which also is the subject of attached Recommendation C.3), "Public financial management" of Security Council Resolution 2111 (2013) (dated 24 July 2013), which presently reads, in pertinent part, "expresses its serious concern at reports of misappropriation of Somalia's public resources" to language that is more consistent with the sound investigative findings and reporting contained in the Official Response. The other is that the Security Council afford me, as Somalia's representative to the United Nations and as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, the opportunity to address the Official Response in-person directly to the Security Council, including all members of the 751 Committee.

Members of the staff of the Security Council met on Monday, 9 September 2013, with two representatives of Somalia responsible for the Official Response – one of Somalia's attorneys and one of the forensic auditors. Somalia's hope was that the Monitoring Group's Coordinator would have offered some level of transparency, just as the United Nations requests of its members, about the UNMG 2013 Report. That did not occur, and the two professionals representing Somalia, each of whom has more than 25 years of experience conducting sophisticated investigations, including financial fraud and corruption, found the Coordinator to be obstructive of Somalia's continuing desire to ensure completeness in its candor with the United Nations and its constituent organizations. Therefore, Somalia further supplements its attached Recommendation C.5 and respectfully asks that the Secretary General immediately terminate the contract with the Monitoring Group's Coordinator, Jarat Chopra, in connection with all current and future monitoring and reporting responsibilities for Somalia.

If staff of the Security Council wishes to meet with the representatives of Somalia about specific information contained in the Official Response, then staff please should not hesitate to contact Somalia's counsel, either Jeremy Schulman, by telephone (1.301.231.0949) or e-mail (jschulman@srgpe.com), or Jacob Frenkel, by telephone (1.301.230.5214) or by e-mail (jfrenkel@shulmanrogers.com).

Please accept again the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.



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