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UN Envoy to Somalia condemns terrorist attack on the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education

Mogadishu, 14 April 2015 – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Somalia (SRSG), Nicholas Kay, condemns today's terrorist attack on the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education in Mogadishu city that resulted in the death and injuries of civilians, members of the security forces and Government workers.

"I condemn today's terrible terrorist attack in Mogadishu in the strongest terms and am appalled by the complete disregard for the lives of innocent people shown by the attackers. An attack on the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education is an assault on Somalis' brave efforts to build a brighter future for the youth of their nation.

These are difficult days for peace-loving people in Somalia and the wider region. We must be united and resolute in the face of continuing terrorism. I extend my deepest condolences to the Federal Government and the families and loved ones of those killed in the attack, and wish the injured a speedy recovery."

SRSG Nicholas Kay reiterates the UN's unfaltering commitment to fighting the scourge of terrorism and supporting the people and the Federal Government of Somalia to ensure security and stability.