FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What was discussed at the London Conference for Somalia, held on 11 May?
   - A historic political agreement between the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and Federal Member States (FMSs) reached in April 2017.
   - The agreement is central to achieving sustainable security reform and a transition of primary responsibility of security from AMISOM to Somali security forces.

2. What is the Somalia’s National Security Architecture Agreement?
   - A plan for security sector reform as part of a comprehensive approach to advance sustainable security, for which the International Community intends to continue to provide sustainable support.
   - A political agreement between the FGS and FMSs on a national security architecture.
   - Commitments from partners to support the security sector milestones, based on conditions, which will be confirmed at a special international conference within 6 months.
   - Agreement that AMISOM remains critical to securing Somalia’s security and that the transition from AMISOM to Somali security forces will be conditions based.
   - A more effective way to implement and review the delivery of the commitments made under the Pact.

3. What does the Security Pact comprise?
   - The CAS is the framework for international commitments, following the principles known as 4As (affordable, acceptable, accountable and able), under five areas of work:
     - Enabling effective AMISOM operations, including a transition to Somali led security.
     - Development of Somali National security institutions.
     - Support to the Somali Government’s stabilization plans and community recovery / State authority (CRESTA/A).
     - Countering and Preventing Violent Extremism.
     - Enhancing international partner’s support, including by establishing an effective coordination mechanism.

4. What is the Comprehensive Approach to Security (CAS), which is part of the security pact presented at the Conference?
   - More Inclusive, Stable Politics.
   - Economic Recovery.
   - Endorsement of the New Partnership for Somalia.
   - Countering and Preventing Violent Extremism.
5. **What are the agreed milestones of the Comprehensive Approach to Security?**

- Partners addressed the prevention of famine and reaffirmed their commitment to scale-up efforts.
- The revised Humanitarian Response Plan for Somalia was presented, requesting $1.5 Billion to implement it.
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- This will reduce vulnerability, consolidate stability and promote inclusive, resilient and sustainable development.
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6. **What were the Conference’s key outcomes for humanitarian response in Somalia?**

- 2017-2018: Political agreements and strengthening links between the FGS and the FMSs.
- By 2027: Sustainable and reformed Somali Security Institutions financed by domestic revenues.

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8. **What is the New Partnership for Somalia (NPS) ?**

- The NPS sets out the international community’s commitment to align support for Somalia’s development in line with the National Development Plan.
- The NPS is based on the principle of mutual accountability between Somalia and its international partners, with both agreeing on a set of principles governing the partnership.
- It allows Somalia take the full lead in setting its development agenda and to benefit from having one plan that all partners agree to follow.
- Progress will be reported twice per year during High Level Partnership Forums in Mogadishu or capital cities of international partners.

9. **How did the Conference engage civil society?**

- The input delivered on 2 May in Mogadishu, at a Pre-Event attended by 150 Somalia-based civil society representatives, was discussed at a side-event during the Conference.
- A booklet was distributed containing the feedback on the complementary skills and experiences with which civil society and diaspora can contribute to enhance the positive trajectory of Somalia.