

The Special Envoy of the European Union to Somalia
The Special Envoy of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development
United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia

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Excellency,

As witnesses to the recent agreement signed in Mogadishu by leaders of Galmadug, Ahlu Sunna wal Jamaa and Himan and Heb on 30 July and 6 August 2014, we have noted the concerns you have expressed about the potential impact on Puntland's interests.

We are pleased to say that the discussions, which we held with the Federal Government and the signatories before the signing of the agreement, made it very clear and it is our firm understanding that the agreement would apply to Galgaduud and the territory known as Galmudug, which is in south Mudug. The agreement would not have an adverse effect upon the territory currently administered by Puntland in north Mudug, which would continue to be an integral part of Puntland.

Following the signing of the agreement, the President of the Federal Republic repeated these assurances in his speech. The Prime Minister has also made similar points in his public statements since then.

We look forward to the speedy resumption of your full relations with the Federal Government. Puntland has a vital contribution to make to building a federal Somalia. It is in all Somalia's interest that they benefit from Puntland's experience and achievements.

We are copying this letter to Their Excellencies the President and the Prime Minister of the Federal Government of Somalia, HE the Minister of Interior and Federal Affairs and the three signatories of the agreement.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia

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President of the Federal Republic of Somalia

His Excellency
Abdiweli Sheikh Ahmed Mohammad
Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia