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## Hirshabelle State Technical Committee resuscitated in Beletweyne



**Beletweyne:** After a long recess, the Hirshabelle State Technical Committee (HSS-TC) on implementation of the **New Policing Model** with support of UNSOM Police held its workshop beginning 15 January 2019 in Beletweyne. The Workshop was opened by HSS Deputy Minister of Security Abdi Weli and chaired by HSS Police Commissioner Col. Hassan Dhicisow Hassan who is also the chairman of the TC. Other attendees were representatives of HSS Police, various Ministries, AMISOM Police and UNSOM Police. The objective of the workshop was to review the HSS Police Plan and to update policing priorities that would form part of the comprehensive work request 2019-2020. These updated priorities will be submitted for consideration of possible funding under the Joint Police Programme (JPP). During the workshop, UNSOM Police updated the TC members on **New Policing Model**, Transition Plan and the Joint Police Programme.

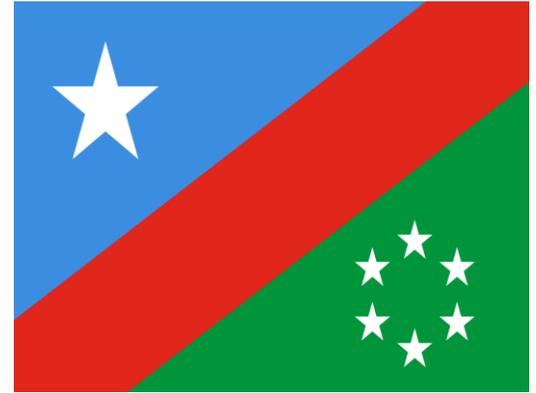


*Official group photo of HSS-TC with UNSOM Senior Police Adviser Richard Luhanga*

Following discussions among TC members, priorities were identified and included in the HSS Work Request. The workshop was closed on 17 January 2019. HSS TC in close collaboration with UNSOM Police Field Team in Beletweyne will continue to amend the HSS State Police Plan based on the new realities. UNSOM Senior Police Adviser, Richard Luhanga thanked the TC members for their commitment and encouraged them to work hard so as to improve the policing services in Hirshabelle. He further assured the TC of continue support from UNSOM.

## UNSOM Police meets with SWS Minister of Security

**Baidoa:** On 9 January, UNSOM Police in Baidoa met with SWS Minister of Security. The Minister briefed UNSOM Police that the Technical Committee for SWS will be put together in the near future. The Minister advised UNSOM Police to proceed with the preparations for the meeting of the TC, tentatively agreed to take place on 18-20 February 2019. The workshop is aimed at reviewing the SWS Police Plan and identify policing priorities which will form part of the SWS Police work request. UNSOM Police will support the meetings of the SWS Technical Committee through the Joint Police Programme. UNSOM Police is currently working tirelessly to resuscitate all the Technical Committees in the states so as to support the implementation of the New Policing Model.



## Stakeholders Meet on HirShabelle Police Activities



**Mogadishu:** On 12 January, different stakeholders including UNSOM Police participated in a meeting organized by AMISOM on HirShabelle Police activities. The meeting was chaired by Yusuf Ali Mohamed, Director-General, Ministry of Internal Security, and was also attended by HSS Minister of Security. The meeting discussed a number of issues which included preparation for the graduation of the first 200 recruits and their proposed deployment plan, recruitment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of Police recruits in Hirshabelle State and Operational Readiness Assessment for regional forces in HirShabelle. The parties agreed: to conduct a joint visit to the Police Training Centre in Jowhar in order to appreciate the progress of the current training of recruits. The meeting also resolved to carry out recruit campaign so as to attract more prospective recruits from HirShabelle to join the Police.



## South West State President visits to Barawe



**Baidoa:** On 10 January, UNSOM Police in Baidoa together with acting Head of Office joined the SWS delegation led by the newly elected President Mohamed Abdulaziz Hassan on a visit to Barawe. The purpose of the visit was to meet local administration, elders and people, as well as to solve some outstanding issues. During the visit, the President instructed the SNA Commander to cooperate with the Police and to vacate the Barawe Police station. Following the orders from the President, the Police Station was officially handed over to the police by the SNA on 13 January 2019 at a ceremony attended by the Barawe authorities and members of the community. This is a significant development for Barawe as it allows the police to carry out its duties, after a standoff of nearly five months with the SNA. The President also handed over one-month's salary for 30 police officers who, reportedly, had not been paid since October. He also inspected ongoing construction works at Barawe Airport and visited the Barawe Hospital and handed over medication.

# From UNSOM Police Section: Good Luck Commissioner in all your future endeavors!



**Mogadishu:** UNSOM recognized the outstanding leadership of Commissioner Lucien Vermeir during his tenure as the UNSOM Police Commissioner. The legacy of the leadership of Commissioner Vermeir will be his successful efforts that saw the materialization of a more effective coordination of the international support through the development of the \$52M Joint Police Programme. During a farewell reception which was held in his honor, Mr. Raidson Zenenga DSRSG applauded the outgoing Commissioner for his outstanding performance during his tour of duty. Commissioner Vermeir departed from Somalia on 25 January 2019. UNSOM Police will remember him as a friend and a leader.



## UNSOM Commissioner's visit to New York UNHQ

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Thank you to @UNPOL Lucien Vermeir who is ending his tour of duty as Police Commissioner @UNSomalia and thank you to #Belgium to have seconded such a high caliber officer!



UNSOM Commissioner with the UN Police Adviser, Luis Carrilho (left) and ASG OROLSI, Mr. Alexander Zouev (right)



As a standard practice when a UN Commissioner ends his tour of duty, UNSOM Commissioner Lucien Vermeir reported to UNHQ in New York, during the week from 15 to 18 January 2019, in order to brief the UN leadership and donor countries on the current state of play of the implementation of the mandate -and the **New Policing Model**, as well of the latest developments and challenges in Somalia.

The visit was also an ideal opportunity to interact with permanent missions in New York, trying to gain additional support for the development of the Somali police, both at federal and state level, since their needs are still enormous, as is well known by the Commissioner.

## Legal Framework: UNDP, SPC and UNSOM Police joint efforts



UNDP, jointly with the support of the UN Standing Police Capacity and UNSOM Police section, has launched a new initiative that will focus on supporting Somali Government to review the legal framework for the Somali Police. This comes at a critical time as the existing legislation in Somalia on the police dates back from 1972 and mostly out of touch with the current realities. In addition, under the umbrella of the Joint Police Programme, a leadership programme for the Somali Police will be developed in conjunction with all the stake holders.



*UNSOM Police Commissioner Lucien Vermeir with the Somali president, Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo, of Somali Police Force Commissioner Bashir Abdi Mohamed, of Minister of Internal Security Abukar Hassan Islow “Duale” and other prominent guests during the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Somali Police Force.*

