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### **Tusmo's Position on The Potential way forward in the Somali Crisis**

In view of the outcome of the last consultative meeting in Mogadishu in mid-October, this year, Tusmo would like to present its position on the new approach to retrieve Somalia out of the prevailing political uncertainty. This comes after the elected Somali government failed to deliver its mandate of paving the way for genuine reconciliation and a democratic election. That government was hijacked by a blinkered group whose main goal never went beyond plundering the country and depriving the country an opportunity to put it back on the rails within the four years of its mandate.

Somalis have lost confidence on the current ruling group. The Group declared that it has failed to deliver and pave the way for a democratic election after wasting four years of its mandate. Still worse, as is typical with dictatorial regimes, the Group is paving the way for a term extension and the continuation of the unparalleled plunder and embezzlement.

Somalia's complex political situation deserved a better leadership with vision and capability to deliver, but it has a prey to windlers. The country is disintegrating due to the ruling coterie's bad leadership, nepotism and lack of vision other than to amass ill-gotten wealth. The term of the corrupt lawmakers who had the history of vote-peddling is also coming to end in August, 2016. Any term extension for these institutions' tenure means a further disintegration and uncertainty.

With that in mind, the only way forward in this political stalemate is to adopt an action plan to save the country from further mayhem. Tusmo party would like to share a smooth transition of power after the ruling Group's term comes to an end in August of this year. There are two possible avenues to the crisis:

**Action Plan Number One:** With the help of the existing bona fide federal states and traditional community leaders, two lawmakers should be appointed from each of the ninety-two pre-civil-war districts. This will form interim lawmakers with a two-year mandate. These appointees should be chosen with certain qualifications of not being a

warlord in the past and not being a suspect of criminal record of undermining the Somali territorial integrity or being involved in corruption scandal.

These lawmakers will elect a speaker and a president whose term shouldn't exceed two years with the mandate to lead the country to a democratic election based on one-man-one-vote principle, promote reconciliation, finalize the controversial constitution and set the motion for the formation of Somali army that can replace UNOSOM and forbid the resurgence of Al-Shabab group. The leaders of the preceding failed government should be banished from candidacy and participation as they are related with corruption and inefficiency. This will reduce prevailing mistrust among the Somalis.

The UN has to oversee the implementation of this new strategy and intervene whenever a digression is sensed. The UN should also curtail the unholy political influence and meddling of the neighboring countries which has been a major destabilizing factor in the Somali political arena.

**Action Plan Number Two:** The United Nation's Security Council's should assume the task for two years, take census of each of the districts and allocating certain MPs for district and monitoring the voting process in each district with the help of the local community leaders and local federal states. UN's sincere and positive involvement should make a difference and shun any manipulations and misrepresentation.

In both action plans, the current special UN envoy, Ambassador Nickolas Kay, should not be part of to the UN's mission as he mentored the failed the government and sowed seeds of mistrust among the Somalis political circles. This will open a new window for the Somali political process.

It is Tusmo's hope to see the international community taking the responsibility of assisting Somalia, which has been in turmoil for a quarter of a century, to regain its past glory.

Thank you.

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