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The Transitional Federal Government of the Republic of Somalia

Mayor of Mogadishu

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To: Ms. Kaltun Hassan, UNDP's QUESTS Project
From: The Mayor of Mogadishu
REF: Appeal for support from the Diaspora

Dear Ms. Kaltum,

The Government has appointed me as the Mayor and three deputies for Mogadishu (Benadir Region) as a temporary arrangement to speed the process of reestablishing administrative and developmental structures of regional authorities, building institutional credibility, conduct reconciliation, building peace and security and consequently election of all the regional authorities. It is planned that in the next three months the people of Mogadishu will be given the opportunity to select their own council leadership and future city administration.

It is my priority over the next three months to ensure that the administration of Mogadishu is reestablished as efficiently as possible with a focus on improving security, setting up transparent, accountable and participatory processes and starting to deliver efficient services to Mogadishu's citizens.

A huge amount of work needs to be undertaken so as to lay the basis for a viable, democratic and prosperous community. The transitional federal charter commits strongly to a system of decentralized governance, and the success or failure in Mogadishu will have implications for the whole Somali nation.

The reason I am writing is to request assistance from Somalia's Diaspora. My office is preparing a project document to be submitted to UNDP's QUESTS Project for the deployment of qualified Diaspora professionals to assist me in this task. We would envisage you to return to Mogadishu for a minimum of three months up to one year to help train my staff and ensure that sound systems are put in place from the very beginning.

Specifically we are looking for experts in the following areas: Police, Peace and Reconciliation, Public Relations, Economics, Law, Human Resource Management, Accounting, Revenue Collection and Control, Community Dialogue and Mobilization, Health, Education and Public Administration. Ideally we would like persons with experience in local government, from Somalia or more advantageously from your host country.

If you are able to help us please submit an application letter to Helping_mogadishu@hotmail.com stating your preferred area of placement, length of time you will be able to support us and attaching your CV. Applicants must have a minimum of a University Degree, 5 years working experience and be willing to live and work in Mogadishu.

We welcome your support to come and rebuild our historic, beautiful and once powerful city.

Yours truly,



The Mayor of Mogadishu
Mohamoud Hassan Ali (Adde)