

London Communiqué

The 3rd Somali Diaspora Conference held in London on 27-28/08/2007

Preamble

The Somali people have a rich history of perseverance in overcoming adversities, conflicts and natural disasters. Our faith and self-belief are a treasure that will help us triumph over our adversaries. The Somali Diaspora is an integral part of the Somali society and is committed and ready to help reconstitute the Somali state and rebuild its economy and infrastructure. It is imperative to unite the Diaspora's political and economic muscle to achieve the above mentioned goal.

The Diaspora cannot support the current government in Mogadishu which is illegitimate having come to power through Ethiopian machinations and invasion. The Diaspora also deplores the infamous power-sharing formula of 4.5, which does not only alienated and dehumanized a large section of Somalia's productive communities but destroyed the basic fabric of the Somali nation by promoting loyalties based on clan and nepotism. The Diaspora will continue to support the liberation and reconstruction of the country by playing a pivotal role in the reconciliation process, state building and economic recovery.

Communiqué of the second Somali Diaspora conference:

1- The Diaspora recognizes that Somalia is not a free country but a country under Ethiopian occupation and that the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) is a quisling of Ethiopia and is thus incapable of independent action. The TFG has utterly failed and is totally irrelevant. Thus the international community should not waste time or resources on propping it.

2- Ethiopia must completely and unconditionally withdraw from Somalia, and the withdrawal must be verified by neutral governments or organizations.

3- We commit ourselves to the liberation of our homeland from the illegal occupation of Ethiopia by using all necessary means, political or otherwise.

4- International peacekeepers, drawn outside of the frontline states, should be deployed as soon as possible. The peace-keepers must have a clear mandate of peacekeeping and a timetable for their withdrawal. It is also paramount to find a genuine political solution for the Somali crisis.

5- We believe in the establishment of a broad-based inclusive government based on justice, freedom of expression and respect for human rights. Such government should not be a threat to international security nor to the security of its neighbours. We call upon all peace loving and friendly countries to help establish such a government.

6- We thank all countries and NGOs that have helped the Somalia people during the years of civil war and those that are helping Somalis displaced by the indiscriminate bombardment of Ethiopian occupation forces. We thank human rights organisation for shading light to the atrocities committed against Somali people and we request the international community to investigate the crimes against in Somalia

7- We call upon the National Resistance Army, clan militias and TFG militias to respect the rights of the people and refrain from attacking civilian populated

areas and public places such as hospitals, schools and mosques, and economic resource areas. We also urge them to give access to NGOs that are helping the victims of the Ethiopian aggression.

8- We call upon the EU and US to discharge their responsibilities to world peace and end the Ethiopian occupation and human suffering in Somalia by pressuring Addis Ababa to withdraw its troops.

9- We call upon the Somali people to unite and liberate their country from Ethiopian occupation which constitutes in every respect crime against humanity.