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An Appeal by the Executive Secretary of IGAD Regarding the Torrential rains and Cyclone Flood Induced Disasters in Somalia

Torrential rains combined with ferocious storms and flooding hit northern Somalia's Puntland region causing enormous damage to the population. Flash floods inundated remote rural areas and coastal towns were severely impacted.

According to the Government of Somalia and other reports coming more than 50,000 people have been affected, over 300 persons have lost their lives, thousands of families are rendered homeless and tens of thousands of livestock have perished.

The Government of Somalia has declared a state of emergency appealed to the international community for immediate response to mitigate the effects of the flood disasters. Taking into account the seriousness and the magnitude of the effects of the flood disaster, the international community is called upon to respond as promptly possible.

Given the extent of the effects of the flood, the capacity of the Government of Somalia is limited. I, therefore, on behalf of IGAD, appeal to the donor Governments, IGAD member states, humanitarian agencies, international and regional organizations to respond positively and expeditiously to the appeal made by the Government of Somalia.

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