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### IGAD LAUNCHES A PROCESS TO ESTABLISH AN EFFICIENT SECURITY SECTOR IN SOMALIA

28<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Nairobi, Kenya: Today IGAD launched a process that will ensure an efficient security sector reform in Somalia as envisaged in the Addis Ababa Agreement entered between the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and the Interim Jubba Administration (IJA) on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

According to the IGAD Special Envoy to Somalia, Amb. Mohamed Affey, this is an important exercise that gives hope to the people of Somalia as a whole and Jubba region in particular. “All groups will be reconciled and made proud of their government,” stated the envoy, adding that this effort will contribute to the realization of the 2016 Strategy that includes the formation of regional administrations.

A two-day meeting bringing together representatives from the two parties, i.e. FGS and IJA, as well as Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda drew the terms of reference for the Technical Security Committee (TSC). Others who participated in the exercise included representatives from the IGAD Secretariat, the United Nations Office for Somalia and the European Union. Representatives from Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States of America also participated. Equally important was the participation of the Sector II and III Commanders of the AMISOM Troops.

Addressing the meeting, Amb. Affey called on partners to stand with the Somali Government in the stabilization of the country. He reaffirmed the commitment of IGAD to support FGS, stating that the success of Jubba will serve as a good model to be emulated in the rest of Somalia.

Besides providing political and diplomatic support to the process, the TSC will be charged with the responsibility of developing recommendations and detailed implementation plans for the disarmament, screening and vetting of all militias; integration process for regional and national forces; disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of forces (DDR); and dealing with Al-Shabaab defectors.

The committee will also develop recommendations for the implementation of the Mogadishu Agreement signed on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013; facilitate and coordinate the implementation of all integration, DDR and Security Reform activities in close cooperation with all partners; as well as any other responsibility in line with the Addis Ababa Agreement.

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