



**Statement of the IGAD Joint Committee on Grand Stabilization Plan
for South-Central Somalia**

Somalia has entered a new phase in its modern history. The opportunity now lies in building lasting peace and stability in Somalia into a new era for good relations with its neighbors and the rest of the international community.

Recognizing this, the IGAD Joint Committee has been expanded to include Somalia, in addition to Ethiopia and Kenya. Under the auspices of IGAD chaired by Somalia, the IGAD Joint Committee commits itself to ensure effective and timely coordination and implementation of the grand stabilization plan for south central Somalia, which will include:

1. Promoting political reconciliation
2. Establishing local administration
3. Developing integrated national security capacities
4. Establishing rule of law
5. Delivering the necessary assistance to communities in need.

In pursuing these tasks, the committee has developed an MOU that will enable it work closely with and in support of the institutions of the Somalia Federal Government.

It will also encourage the international community to provide coordinated assistance to ensure timely implementation of the stabilization plan.

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