



## Communiqué

### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Conference on peaceful co-existence, dialogue and combating radicalization**

This communiqué covers the most important points discussed in the Nordic Union of Somali Peace and Development Organizations' 2<sup>nd</sup> annual conference in which high delegations from the Governments of the Nordic countries, Transitional Federal Government of Somalia (TFG), members of the Somali communities in the Nordic countries and many more respected delegates participated.

1. The participants denounce the phenomena of extremism both within Somalia and among the Somali communities living in the Nordic Countries. It is un-Islamic and a threat to human life and peaceful coexistence. The Nordic Somali communities agreed to establish an effective counter radicalization measures to this new, destructive phenomena in order to safeguard the sanctity of human lives.
2. We appeal to the international relief agencies to urgently dispatch immediate humanitarian assistance to the people in Somalia that are affected by acute draught. The lives of millions of Somalis as well as their livestock are in an imminent danger of starvation. Since the extremist elements will not allow the much needed aid to reach the beleaguered population, it is now incumbent upon the international community to use all means available to open relief corridors for delivery convoys before the situation reaches the crisis level that we witnessed in 1992 where thousands perished due to starvation. We urge the European countries to take the leadership role of this initiative as the USA did in 1992.
3. The conference pointed out the importance of the Diaspora in political, economic and social affairs of Somalia. The cooperation between the Somali communities in Nordic countries, TFG and the Nordic countries is essential to overcome radicalization and promote peace, security and development.  
The Somali Diaspora in the Nordic countries should take a more active role in facilitating smooth transition when the mandate of the TFG expires in August 2011. We call upon The TFG to implement a viable Road Map to avert the peril of power vacuum once their term expires.
4. We recognize and support the importance of the international community in promoting peace, institution and capacity building and preserving the environment.
5. The conference conveys a heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the government of Norway, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in particular, for their assistance in making this Second annual conference of The Nordic union of Somali peace and Development Organizations a complete success.  
Likewise, we also like to extend our appreciation to the TFG for sending to the conference a high power delegation led by the Deputy Prime Minister who is also Minister of Foreign Affairs H. E. Mohamed Abdullahi Omaar.