

# Stockholm Communiqué

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The Somali Peace and Development Organizations in Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark have discussed the security situation in Somalia, in a two day meeting held in Stockholm, Sweden during 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of December 2009. The Participants have jointly issued this Communiqué.

The participants of the meeting:

1. Strongly condemn the fatal suicide attack at the graduation ceremony in Shamo Hotel (Mogadishu) on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009, in which many Somalis have lost their lives, among them 3 TFG cabinet ministers, medical professors, doctors, Banadir University graduating students, parents and journalists.
2. Similarly condemn all the suicide attacks, which took place all over Somalia that killed many innocent people.
3. Strongly condemn those who use violence and terror to reach their political goals such as Al-Shabaab and Hizbul-Islam.
4. Are strongly against and make every effort to avoid that Somalia becomes a safe heaven for terrorists.
5. Urge the Somali people in Somalia and/or abroad to co-operate and act together on how to convince the mislead youth that Islam does not accept suicide actions and killing innocent human beings.
6. Inform the authorities of the countries in which they live, that the overwhelming majority of the Somali people are a peace loving people and distance themselves from anything that undermine the security and stability either in Somalia or in the countries in which they live.
7. Recognize the difficult environment in which the TFG operates in, however, the participants urge the Transitional federal government to:
  - a. Establish the basic state institutions in order to restore peace, law and order in Somalia.
  - b. Continue the reconciliation process.
8. Appeal to the international community, particularly Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark to assist Somali government in restoring peace and stability in Somalia. Especially by introducing Youth Vocational Training Programmes in order to prevent that the youth being used in suicide attacks, piracy, etc.

9. Finally appeal to the Somali Diaspora in Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark to act together and form a united front against those who interpret Islam in a wrong way and brainwashing the young.
10. In conclusion the participants, in order to combine their effort and share information, have established an umbrella organization that unites the four associations from Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark. The new umbrella organization is called **“The Nordic Union of the Somali Peace and Development organizations”**.

**The Founding Organizational Members: -**

Somali Peace and Development Organization	Sweden
G10 Organization of Norway	Norway
Somali Peace and Development Organization in Finland	Finland
Southern Somali Peace and Development Organization	Denmark

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