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**Subject: RESPONSE - Concerns on Implementation and Requests for Oversight Documents Regarding the GPE Program in Somalia**

Yours Excellency,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my profound disappointment and concern regarding GPE not responding to my letter and forcing GRANT AGENT to responding on their behalf. Your response failed to address the critical questions and issues I raised concerning the management and disbursement of the GPE funds. I hope GPE leadership will respond immediately to my letter.

You and GPE have not explained why Somaliland was granted full authority to receive the full grant funds from GPE independent of the rest of the Federal Member States. This decision undermines the sovereignty and

territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Somalia, especially since the establishment of the SSC state government.

Sending GPE funds to the Somaliland Ministry of Education directly violates the federal structure of Somalia and disregards the rights of the newly formed SSC state government to manage and establish their own state education system independent of Somaliland. This is particularly troubling given that Somaliland forces every student to learn the history of the Somalia National Movement (SNM), which represents only one tribe at the expense of five other tribes, and has committed crimes against civilians in that region within Northern Somalia.

The allocation of funds in this manner not only ignores the constitutional rights of SSC but also perpetuates a biased educational narrative that is not representative of the diverse history and experiences of all communities within Northern Somalia.

I urge you to provide a comprehensive explanation and rectify this situation to ensure that the GPE funds are allocated in a manner that respects the federal structure of Somalia and the rights of all its member states.

Your response did not clarify the separation of powers between the federal and state governments as defined by the Federal Republic of Somalia constitution. It is imperative to understand why the federal government interferes in the internal affairs of federal member states in the education sector, despite the constitution clearly granting the states full authority to implement and manage their educational affairs.

The claim that the grant agent's robust governance structure will prevent abuse of power and ensure accountability and transparency is unconvincing given the historical shortcomings your organization all the regions that your organization operates. Your response failed to provide concrete examples of how this governance structure ensures proper oversight and decision-making to maintain the program's integrity and effectiveness. There must be clear evidence that all stakeholders have defined roles and responsibilities within an open and transparent decision-making process.

Your reply inadequately addressed how the grant agent's structure will prevent corruption in the procurement processes under the GPE program. It is critical to ensure that all procurements and implementation processes comply strictly with the legal frameworks and best practices set by the Government of Somalia Procurement Law, and with strict not by paper but which common sense based on reality on ground GPE, and Save the Children's internal policies and procedures. Your failure to provide a detailed explanation raises significant concerns about the potential for corruption and mismanagement.

Given the gravity of these issues, I urge you to provide a comprehensive and satisfactory response addressing each point with the required depth and clarity. The integrity of the GPE program and the future of Somalia's education system depend on transparent, accountable, and effective management of these funds.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters. I look forward to receiving your detailed response.

Thanks

Yours sincerely,



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