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To: Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Committee
Cc: President of the Federal Republic of Somalia
Cc: Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia
Cc: Office of the Speakers of the House of People and the Senate

Subject: Demand for Official Hearing Regarding Conduct of the State Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Dear Committee Members,

I write to you with utmost urgency and concern regarding the conduct and performance of **the State Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**. Since assuming office on August 2, 2022, the State Minister has consistently overstepped his designated responsibilities, contravening **Foreign Affairs Act and Article 102 of the Draft Constitution of 2012. Article 102. Functions of the Minister, Deputy-Minister, and State Minister:**

1. Every Minister is personally responsible for the functions of his Ministry.
2. Every Deputy-Minister shall carry out functions delegated to him by his Minister.
3. State ministers shall carry out specific functions assigned to them by the Prime Minister.

It has become evident that the State Minister has assumed de facto control over the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, effectively sidelining the rightful Foreign Minister. This breach not only violates our constitutional mandates but also undermines the stability and credibility of our diplomatic engagements.

Since assuming office on August 2, 2022, the State Minister has assumed full control over Somalia's Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,

despite the absence of the appointed Foreign Minister. This blatant overreach is a direct violation of the principles set forth in **the Draft Constitution of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Article 102.**

Adding to the gravity of the situation is the Minister's lack of qualifications and experience pertinent to international relations. Prior to this role, his only notable experience was serving as Chief of Staff in the Office of the President from 2014 to 2016. His background as **an Electric Technician** is **only single qualification the State Minister brings to the table** and it further underscores his insufficient preparedness for managing complex diplomatic affairs. This misuse of authority not only undermines the integrity of the office but also jeopardizes Somalia's international standing and diplomatic efforts. It is imperative that such actions are addressed swiftly and decisively to uphold the rule of law and restore credibility in governance.

The State Minister's influence within the current administration extends far beyond the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. He wields significant control over the National Security arena, particularly within ATMIS and UNSOM, where he has intimidated numerous officials into complying with his personal projects under threat of repercussions. This interference has contributed directly to the turmoil within crucial Economic and Financial Institutions, exemplified by the questionable hiring of over 3 of his relatives at the Central Bank of Somalia. Moreover, he asserts authority over the leadership of both the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank, effectively positioning himself as their de facto superior.

The pervasive corruption and nepotism that the State Minister has introduced to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation defy comprehension and surpass all reasonable norms. He has systematically targeted Somali diplomats who do not conform to his personal preferences, dismissing those with proven expertise in navigating complex global foreign policies. Instead, he appoints individuals lacking the requisite qualifications and education, resulting in their inability to effectively advocate for and represent the Federal Republic of Somalia's foreign policy directives to their respective host countries. The State Minister with Financial Interest certified the Cuba Ambassador to Kenya as non-residence ambassador in Somalia and on the afternoon of April 4th, 2023, the Ambassador of Cuba to the Republic of Kenya, **Juan Manuel Rodríguez Vázquez**, presented to the

President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, the Credentials accrediting him as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba. The last Cuba Ambassador in Somalia was expelled in November 1977 after military support of Ethiopia Government.

The decision to close the Somali Embassy in Canada, despite its large Somali population, along with embassies in Scandinavian countries and Burundi, and the lack of an ambassador in Indonesia for three years, highlights a critical failure in Somalia's foreign relations strategy. The recent appointment of a non-resident ambassador to Cuba, coupled with nepotism accusations involving **the State Minister's brother-in-law Ambassador Dr. Omar M. Mohamed**, further exacerbates concerns about governance and transparency. This appointment was not approved by the Cabinet Ministers and it violates **Article (99) (h) Propose the appointment or dismissal of ambassadors, consuls and diplomats` of the Draft Constitution of 2012.** As I stated, this is proof of a lack of understanding of international affairs, both current and past. What will Somalia and the Somali people gain by having an ambassador in Cuba, a country whose economy is at the bottom of Latin America? When the budget of the Federal Republic of Somalia is supported by the US and the EU, and the State Minister is acting for his personal gain rather than in the interest of Somalia, it is an affront to the US and the EU. These entities provide the Federal Republic of Somalia with heartfelt and unwavering support every year, effectively acting as welfare providers for our country.

This move not only disregards established diplomatic norms but also undermines Somalia's international credibility. The State Minister's actions, seemingly driven by personal gain rather than national interest, reflect a profound misunderstanding of international diplomacy and the responsibilities of public office. Moreover, the unilateral decision-making without cabinet approval violates Somalia's constitutional principles, revealing a disturbing trend of incompetence and corruption within the government.

By appointing the State Minister to oversee foreign affairs and East African community affairs, bypassing the Foreign Minister, the President and Prime Minister Risk destabilizing the country's foreign policy and national security.

This elevation based on questionable qualifications and personal agendas undermines Somalia's relations with key allies like the US and EU, who contribute significantly to its budget.

Somalia faces a crisis in governance where nepotism, incompetence in foreign affairs, and corruption threaten its stability and international standing. Immediate corrective actions are imperative to restore credibility, uphold constitutional principles, and ensure that national interests guide diplomatic decisions.

Unfortunately, the Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Affairs, of which I am a member, lacks the necessary will and determination to compel the State Minister in question to appear before either a committee hearing or a full floor hearing. This Minister's unchecked decisions are gravely impacting our nation, and it is imperative that we hold them accountable without delay.

I urge my colleagues to unite and demand the immediate appearance of this runaway State Minister before our committee. Failing to do so would be a betrayal of the oath we swore to uphold for all Somali communities. It is crucial that we heed the voices of the people and take a stand against this runaway State Minister. Failure to act would signify our endorsement of incompetence, the erosion of the rule of law, and a disregard for accountability and transparency.

Sincerely,



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Federal Republic of Somalia
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba and has the honor to inform the latter that H.E. Amb. Dr Omar M. Mohamed has been appointed as non-resident Ambassador designates of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the Republic of Cuba.

Therefore, the Federal Government of Somalia is seeking the Agreement of H.E. Amb. Dr Omar M. Mohamed as the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the Republic of Cuba.

The Curriculum Vitae of Ambassador Dr Omar M. Mohamed is enclosed herewith

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, the assurance of its highest consideration.



Mogadishu, 27th March, 2024

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(In Charge for the East Africa Community Affairs).

Ra'iisul Wasaaraha Xukuumadda Jamhuuriyadda Federaalka Soomaaliya

Markuu arkay: Qodobka 97^{aad} faqradiisa 3^{aad} ee Dastuurka KMG.

Markuu arkay: Qodobka 98^{aad} faqradiisa 2^{aad} Xar. A & B ee Dastuurka KMG.

Markuu Arkay: Qodobka 100^{aad} Xarfaha. A, B iyo C ee Dastuurka KMG.

Markuu Arkay: Howlaha baaxada leh ee Horyaala Xukuumadda JFS.

Markuu Tixgeliyay: Talada Madaxweynaha JFS.

Markuu Garowsaday: Baahida loo qabo Magacaabidda u qeybsanaha arrimaha la xiriira
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Community Affairs).

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Wuxuu Magacaabay

Wasiiru-dowlaha Wasaaradda Arrimaha Dibadda iyo Iskaashiga Caalamiga **Mudane Cali Maxamed Cumar**, waxaa loo magacaabay inuu noqdo U Qeybsanaha Arrimaha la xiriira Bulshada Bariga Afrika (The State Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Charge for the East African Community Affairs).

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Magacaabiddani waxay dhaqan-gelaysaa marka uu saxiixo Ra'iisul Wasaaraha Xukuumadda Jamhuuriyadda Federaalka Soomaaliya, waxaana lagu soo saarayaa Faafinta Rasmiga ah ee Jamhuuriyadda Federaalka Soomaaliya.

Mudane: **Xamza Cabdi B.**
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