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PRESS RELEASE*(For Immediate Release)***The African Union welcomes the announcement of a new Cabinet by the Prime Minister**

Mogadishu-October 12th, 2014; Mogadishu, 30 January 2015 - The African Union has welcomed the release by Prime Minister Omar Sharmarke of a Cabinet list of Ministers-designate, including 3 women.

The African Union notes that this is step in the right direction towards regaining the momentum towards the realization of the critical goals required for the attainment of the Federal Government's Vision 2016 agenda especially the conduct of elections in September 2016.

In order to give the necessary impetus to this process as well as to avoid further delays occasioned by the absence of a functional cabinet, the African Union urges the Somali institutions, in particular the Federal Parliament, to swiftly conclude the necessary parliamentary procedures in order to confirm the ministerial appointees who can, collaborating with the international partners, continue to work on the progress already been made on the political process especially the state formation process, the consolidation of security gains as well as the integration of forces, and the Stabilization of those areas recovered from Al Shabaab.

The African Union reiterates its unflinching commitment to supporting the Somali people, the government as well as its nascent institutions as they continue on the path to national reconciliation, stabilization and reconstruction.

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AU Special Representative welcomes the signing of agreement between the Federal Government and Puntland state.

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