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INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WELCOME MEETING UNDERWAY IN DHUSAMAREB

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Mogadishu - International partners* welcome the meeting among President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed Farmaajo and Federal Member State leaders now underway in Dhusamareb. It is crucial that all participants engage constructively to agree on the implementation of a national electoral process that respects the 17 September model.

We underscore that any alternative outcomes, including a parallel process or partial elections, or other measures short of an agreed electoral process, would be a setback that would not obtain the support of partners. We, therefore, call upon all political leaders to prioritise finding a way forward without further delay.

International partners again call on all of Somalia's leaders to find consensus on electoral implementation as an urgent matter of national interest.

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