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The Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Office of the Minister

2 October 2007

Excellency,

It gives me great pleasure to convey to you the sincere felicitations of the Government and people of Somalia on your election to the high office of the Secretary General of the United Nations Organization. The Transitional Federal Government of Somalia has from the beginning endorsed your nomination and strongly campaigned for your election within the African group as well as other regional groups.

This support was due to our firm belief and conviction that you had a high political stature and the requisite professional qualifications, which would enable you to rise to the challenges facing the world organization. Our belief has been vindicated by the diplomatic skills and contributions you have already shown in guiding the affairs of our esteemed organization.

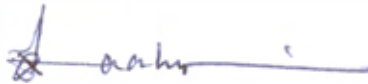
Excellency, as you are aware, prolonged civil war and conflicts in Somalia over the past two decades caused unimaginable destruction and devastation, and impeded the socioeconomic development of the country. Despite these setbacks, Somalia maintained a wealth of highly skilled and professional nationals who possess extensive knowledge and experience.

Regrettably, Somali professionals have not received a fair share and opportunities to play their role at the higher echelon of the UN system. In view of this, I wish to submit the official candidature of two prominent Somali nationals namely Ambassador Abdullah Said Oman, former Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Ambassador Mohamed Mohamud-Malinguur former Permanent Representative to the European Union, who have extensive experience in diplomatic service, Government business and service in the United Nations system. I would appreciate their appointment to senior positions in the organization. The detailed resumes of the two candidates are submitted separately.



I am confident that the appointment of these eminently qualified candidates will impact positively on the activities of the United Nations. I look forward to receiving your favourable response. I would appreciate if you could kindly channel your response to my letter through the Permanent Mission of Somalia with notification to the proposed candidates.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration



Hussein Elabe Fahiyeh
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Transitional Federal Government of Somalia



H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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Resume and cover letter of Amb. A S Osman

Resume and cover letter of Amb. M M Malinguur