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IGAD commends Somalia Government for Jubbaland Reconciliation Conference

18 September 2014, Nairobi, Kenya: The IGAD congratulates the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) for its leadership in organizing the reconciliation conference of Jubbaland communities in Kismayo yesterday.

The historic event facilitated by IGAD with the support from the United Nations and European Union Somalia Offices ushers in a new dawn of peace and stability for Somalia as a whole and Jubbaland in particular. It was graced by presence of the President, H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamoud.

Acknowledging the critical role of the Interim Jubbaland Administration leadership in its efforts to have sustainable peace in the region, Amb. Mohamed Affey, the IGAD Special Envoy to Somalia appealed to all the leaders to seize the opportunity and play constructive role of reconciling the people.

“We are very proud to have facilitated the conference that provides fresh hope geared towards revitalized peace and prosperity for the entire Somalia,” stated the Special Envoy, adding that IGAD would continue to support the FGS in its state formation efforts.

He urged the international community to remain engaged and invest in Somalia and her people for sustainable peace to prevail. Amb. Affey further thanked the African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom) troops for their bravery and support to the Somali people to defeat the forces of evil. ##

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