



**Statement by the third meeting of the Ministerial Group
concerned with following up on the implementation of
Resolution 8988 of the Ministerial Council of the League of
Arab States issued during the Extraordinary Session of
January 17, 2024**

**On "Supporting the Federal Republic of Somalia Against
Attacks on its Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity"
Cairo: September 10, 2024**

In accordance with the implementation of League Council Resolution 8988, adopted in its Extraordinary Session on January 17, 2024, titled "Supporting the Federal Republic of Somalia Against Attacks on its Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity," and Paragraph 10 of the Resolution, "calling upon the Secretary-General to establish a ministerial-level working group to follow up on the resolution's implementation, including engagement with international and regional partners,"

And building on the outcomes of the second meeting of the Arab Ministerial Working Group held on May 14, 2024, on the sidelines of the Arab Summit in Bahrain, which recommended convening a third meeting of the committee during the League Council's September 2024 session to coordinate the necessary Arab actions in support of Somalia's legitimate demands, as well as pursuant to Resolution 864 of the Arab Summit in Bahrain issued on May 16, 2024 reaffirming support for the Federal Republic of Somalia,

After receiving a comprehensive briefing by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Mualim Faqi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia, on developments following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Republic of Ethiopia and the "Somaliland" region on January 1, 2024, a document which Somalia has deemed null and void, unacceptable, and a clear violation of the principles of international law, posing a grave threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of

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Somalia, and jeopardizing the principles of good neighborliness, peaceful coexistence, and regional stability,

And in light of the review by His Excellency the Secretary-General and the interventions of the Foreign Ministers and heads of Delegations of the Member States of the Group,

The Ministerial Group affirms:

1. Full Arab solidarity with the Federal Republic of Somalia's right to oppose any violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Group unequivocally rejects the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding and any legal, political, commercial, or military ramifications stemming from it.
2. Affirming that the "Somaliland" region remains an integral part of the Federal Republic of Somalia, in accordance with the Charter of the League of Arab States and its guiding principles, as well as the Charter of the United Nations. Any arrangements concerning this region must be the result of inclusive political dialogue among the Somali people.
3. Acknowledging the efforts of the Federal Republic of Somalia, including its engagement with an international consulting firm to provide decision-makers with legal and political clarity on the issue, while highlighting the threat posed by the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding to Somalia's sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity.
4. Emphasizing the League of Arab States' critical role in participating in any Somali, Arab, or African endeavor to defend Somalia's sovereignty against the implications of the Memorandum, and in supporting national reconciliation efforts that preserve the country's unity and territorial integrity.
5. Agreeing to convene the fourth meeting of the Ministerial Group on the sidelines of the League Council's March 2025 session, to further coordinate the necessary Arab actions in support of Somalia's legitimate demands.