Speech of the Somali government at the 11 meeting of land mine ban treaty

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With the Excellance of the president

On behalf of the name of Somali transitional federal government, I would like much to provide here specific gratitude to all participants of this 11 meeting of land mine treaty include states parties, states non party, international organizations, UN agencies, red cross, ICBL and civil society members from all over the world.

Beside that I would also appreciate to express my words of congratulation to those states and international organizations engaged the the foundations of this manatrtian and development treaty with the emphasis and efforts they provided to convince many states who were non party earlier to join the treaty, after all let me to say founders and followers are both thanked.

Somalia is fully suporing the outcomes of both traganda plan action and this on going of 11th meeting off the land mine ban treaty, not only supporting but we also share with the other world states the bad effect consequences related the lives of the survivors which I mean victims of land mine explosions.

Mr. President I like to highlight that the Somali state is now on the point of concluding the process of accession of this convention, in accordance of the national constititutional law, the Somali prime minister is planing to confront the first meeting of the ministerial cabinet ahead the issue of signing and the retification of this treaty in which I can say here unanimously vote would be accepted. Another words let me assure infront of you that Soma will be one of the state parties within the following months or possibly earlier. We also recommend all the remaining states to join this humanitarian treaty in order to be universally unified one, this will actually give the treaty more potentially for the fullfilling of the obligations carried as well as the comitments incurred by the state parties, this will definitely accelerate the achievements required to be reached.

Mr. President and the other honourable deliberations, let me to give a little brief about land mines concern in Somaliya, at January 1990 the existing military regime was overthrown by a popular arises, since that date Somaliya encountered ruthless wars based upon tribal and religious reign competitions led by war lords. Consequences of the wars can not be mentioned in words, the whole governmental infrastructures were destroyed, state weapons stock incluinding out numbered land mines with other exploivoses were totally siezed and used in the battle field, statistically not mentioned dimensions of inhabitant and productive land areas is contaminated by mines and remnants of the other explolosives, the Somali government with the help of united nations task force (UNITAF) retreated with force against the existing anti-governmental armed resisstences, law and order were restored in the whole capital city with many regions in the south west, central and north of Somalia, the time reached to say Somalia requires national and international collaboration who develope stratigic hypothesis about the mines and the effectd victimst concern. I am very pleased to say here more thanks the Halo trust org, who implimented diminilization projects in Somalia along the northern regions boarder area, similarly those