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**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF ELDERS AND THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND**

**In pursuance of Article 38 of the Constitution of the Republic of Somaliland and in
Solidarity with the National Diplomatic Mission to the United States and the United
Nations**

The Parliament of the Republic of Somaliland:

PREAMBLE

ACTING UNDER the Constitution of the Republic of Somaliland and the applicable rules of
procedure governing the two Houses of Parliament;

RECALLING that the Republic of Somaliland attained independence from the United
Kingdom on 26 June 1960 and that Somaliland's restoration of a statehood it already held and
exercised, within its original 1960 colonial boundaries, and is therefore not a claim of secession
from an existing state but a resumption of interrupted sovereignty, consistent with the principle
of *uti possidetis juris* as applied to African boundaries and as articulated in *Frontier Dispute
(Burkina Faso v. Mali)*, ICJ Reports 1986, and under Article 4(b) of the Constitutive Act of the
African Union and the 1964 Cairo Declaration (OAU Assembly Resolution AHG/Res.16(I));

NOTING the finding of the African Union's own 2005 Fact-Finding Mission to Somaliland,
which concluded that the case of Somaliland "is unique and self-justified in African political
history" and does not therefore set a precedent that would "open a pandora's box," and that the
legal union of 1960 was never properly ratified under the terms binding on both parties;

AFFIRMING the right of peoples to self-determination as enshrined in Article 1(2) and Article
55 of the Charter of the United Nations, common Article 1 of the International Covenant on
Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural
Rights, and United Nations General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2625 (XXV);

RECALLING the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice, *Accordance with
International Law of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence in Respect of Kosovo*, ICJ
Reports 2010, in which the Court held that general international law contains no prohibition on
declarations of independence.

NOTING that Somaliland satisfies, and has for over three decades continuously satisfied, the
criteria for statehood set out in Article 1 of the Montevideo Convention on the Rights and

Duties of States (1933), a permanent population, a defined territory, an effective government, and the demonstrated capacity to enter into relations with other states, through its functioning multiparty democratic institutions, its independent currency, passport, flag and security forces, peaceful electoral transfers of executive and legislative authority, and its long-standing bilateral and commercial relations abroad.

AFFIRMING that, consistent with Article 3 of the Montevideo Convention and the declaratory theory of statehood reflected in customary international law, the political existence of Somaliland is independent of recognition by other states;

AFFIRMING the freely expressed will of the people of Somaliland, including through the constitutional referendum of 31 May 2001, and Somaliland's sustained record of self-government, constitutional order and competitive elections;

RECOGNISING FURTHER that Somaliland's peace, democratic development and institutional resilience have been achieved principally through the determination of its people and through an indigenous process of reconciliation that successfully combined constitutional institutions with the stabilising role of traditional leadership;

NOTING WITH PRIDE that, since restoring its sovereignty in 1991, Somaliland has conducted successive presidential, parliamentary and local government elections and has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to representative government, political pluralism and the peaceful transfer of authority through constitutional and electoral processes;

AFFIRMING that Somaliland has contributed to global peace and security through the sustained record of its Coast Guard in suppressing piracy and organised crime along its coastline, its longstanding cooperation with international counter-piracy forces in the Gulf of Aden, and its role as a stable and reliable actor safeguarding a critical maritime corridor for international shipping, and noting Somaliland's strategic importance at this critical juncture;

DETERMINED to pursue recognition through peaceful diplomacy, respect for international law and constructive relations with all states and peoples;

MINDFUL of the ongoing high-level visit of the President of the Republic to Washington, D.C. and New York during the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, and of the gathering of Somaliland citizens and friends of Somaliland outside United Nations Headquarters on 23 September 2026 in peaceful support of that mission;

HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. To extend the full and unanimous endorsement of both Houses of Parliament to the ongoing diplomatic mission of the President of the Republic in the United States and at the United Nations, including engagements with the Executive Branch, the Congress, the foreign policy community, and Member States gathered for the General Assembly.
2. To commend the President and his delegation for presenting Somaliland to the international community as a peaceful, democratic, stable and dependable partner whose distinct history, constitutional order, record of credible elections and contribution to regional security merit objective and serious international consideration

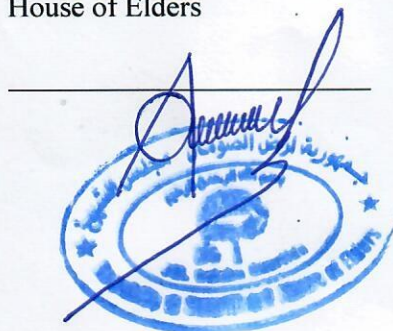
3. To call upon the General Assembly and Security Council of the United Nations to admit the Republic of Somaliland to membership of the United Nations, in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations, on the basis that Somaliland is a peace-loving State which meets the criteria for statehood under international law and has demonstrated its ability and willingness to carry out the obligations of the Charter.
4. To call upon the United States of America and other international partners to deepen direct diplomatic, economic, security, development and parliamentary engagement with the Republic of Somaliland, consistent with its demonstrated institutional capacity and its contribution to peace and stability in the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea region.
5. To urge governments, regional organisations and international institutions to assess Somaliland on the basis of its particular history, original boundaries, legal circumstances, democratic performance, effective institutions and sustained record of responsible self-government
6. To salute the members of the Somaliland diaspora and friends of Somaliland gathering at United Nations Headquarters on 23 September 2026, and to record Parliament's solidarity with their peaceful advocacy.
7. To call upon all Somaliland citizens, political parties, constitutional institutions, traditional leaders, civil society organisations and diaspora communities to preserve national unity, institutional discipline and a coherent national message in advancing Somaliland's quest for international recognition.
8. To affirm that Somaliland remains committed to peaceful diplomacy, democratic governance, international law, regional stability, mutual respect and the responsible discharge of all obligations associated with membership in the international community.
9. To affirm that this Resolution is directed against no state or people, and, in particular, carries no hostility toward any people or state; and to reaffirm that the Republic of Somaliland seeks peaceful, good-neighbourly relations with all its neighbours.
10. To direct that this Resolution be formally transmitted, through the appropriate parliamentary and diplomatic channels, to the Secretary-General and President of the General Assembly of the United Nations; the President and members of the United Nations Security Council; the Chairperson of the African Union Commission and the African Union Peace and Security Council; the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development; the leadership and relevant organs of the European Union, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the League of Arab States and the Commonwealth; the President, Secretary of State and Congress of the United States of America; the governments, parliaments and permanent missions of United Nations Member States; and other relevant international and regional organisations, with a formal appeal that they give Somaliland's distinct legal status, democratic record and legitimate aspiration for international recognition the objective, principled and favourable consideration they merit, and take appropriate steps towards Somaliland's full and rightful participation in the international community.

Adopted by joint sitting of the House of Elders and the House of Representatives of the Republic of Somaliland.

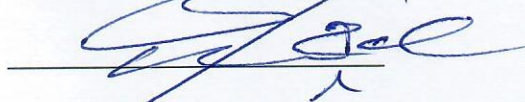
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