MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA
ON THE SNAF-DANAB BASE CONSTRUCTION

The Government of the United States of America (U.S. Government) and the Federal Government of Somalia (Somali Government), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Participants," have reached the following understandings:

I. PURPOSE

The Participants intend to cooperate under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to construct military bases in five locations in Somalia over an approximately three-year period. Cooperation under this MOU is intended to enable the Somalia National Armed Forces Danab Brigade (SNAF-Danab) to assume greater responsibility for the security of Somalia and increase the SNAF-Danab's ability to effectively operate and counter al Shabaab. The anticipated locations for such bases are: Baidoa, Dhusamareb, Jowhar, Jazeera Training Camp (JTC) in Mogadishu, and Kismayo.

II. COOPERATION UNDER THIS MOU

1. The U.S. Government intends to:
   - Designate a primary U.S. Embassy representative to serve as a point of contact for the construction projects in Somalia.
   - Conduct site surveys to coordinate the delivery of construction, training, and related assistance that the U.S. Government is providing under this MOU.

- Subject to the availability of funds, construct military bases in Somalia for the SNAF-Danab in Baidoa, Dhusamareb, Jowhar, JTC in Mogadishu, and Kismayo, or other mutually acceptable locations. The U.S. Government intends to implement these activities, in part, through one or more contractors.
- Subject to the availability of funds, train up to 20 personnel identified by the Somali Government to serve as operations and maintenance (O&M) specialists at each base constructed under this MOU, in order for SNAF-Danab to sustainably operate and maintain the military bases with minimal U.S. Government support.

2. The Somalia Government intends to:
   - Designate a Somali Government special point of contact (SPC) to serve as the lead coordinator with the U.S. Government on activities under this MOU. The SPC is expected to regularly coordinate with appropriate representatives of the U.S. Government along with local and regional government personnel within Somalia, the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS), including its troop contributing countries (TCCs), and any future multinational force, as needed. The SPC is expected to deconflict, mediate, and resolve any issues raised by Federal Member States, ATMIS forces (or any follow-on international mission forces), or other local authorities on this project.
   - Ensure the SPC is meeting weekly with the U.S. Embassy representative designated by the U.S. Government, as well as any contractors hired by the U.S. Government to implement activities under this MOU, to discuss challenges and progress made towards implementing this MOU.

- Raise any concerns about the project with the U.S. Embassy representative designated by the U.S. Government.
- Rectify any shortcomings on the part of the SPC, including replacing him/her if requested by the U.S. Government.
- Ensure any contractors implementing activities under this MOU on behalf of the U.S. Government have daily access to base sites being constructed under this MOU.
- Work with local Somali authorities to enable U.S. Government's site survey teams to access the base sites and to ensure those teams are provided the necessary access and information.
- Work with the U.S. Government to develop a long-term plan for SNAF-Danab to sustain the constructed bases.
- Identify up to 20 personnel to serve as O&M specialists at each base and ensure they attend the U.S. Government-provided O&M training.
- Work with the U.S. Government to develop a mutually decided maintenance plan for each base.
- Implement each maintenance plan once construction of the relevant base is complete.
- Ensure the trained O&M specialists serve at each base for at least two years and train others prior to transitioning such individuals to other responsibilities.
- Ensure relevant facilities at each base accommodate both male and female Somali soldiers.

III. ADDITIONAL MATTERS

1. The Somali Government understands it is expected to use assistance provided under this MOU for the purpose for which provided, consistent with the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia Regarding Grants under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, or Successor Legislation, and the Furnishing of Defense Articles, Related Training, and Other Defense Services, Including, Pursuant to the United States International Military Education and Training Program and defense sector reform programs funded under section 551 (or chapter 6) of the Foreign Assistance Act, from the United States of America to the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, or successor legislation, effected by exchange of notes at Nairobi February 26 and May 30, 2013.
2. The Somali Government understands that the U.S. Government intends to prepare a Statement of Work to define the scope of work to complete the base projects. The Somali Government understands it is expected to direct any questions or requests to change the Statement of Work to the U.S. Embassy representative designated by the U.S. Government. The Somali Government should refrain from directly requesting U.S. contractors to change or modify their activities under this MOU.
3. Somali authorities are responsible for maintenance of infrastructure at each of the five bases constructed under this MOU.
4. The Somali Government intends to permit representatives and personnel of the U.S. Government, including U.S. Government contractors, to conduct site visits to each construction site under this MOU before, during and after construction is complete, as requested by the U.S. Government, in order to monitor and evaluate activities under this MOU. Such visits are expected to occur at least quarterly and be coordinated in advance with the SNAF-Danab.

5. Each Participant intends to notify the other Participant if it is unable to fully implement its commitments in this MOU.

IV. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Nothing in this MOU is intended to give rise to any rights or obligations under domestic or international law. The Participants' cooperation under this MOU is subject to the availability of funds. In addition, the U.S. Government's cooperation under this MOU is subject to the completion of any necessary U.S. domestic requirements or processes.
2. The Participants intend to resolve any differences between them concerning the interpretation, application, or implementation of this MOU solely by consultations between the Participants.
3. This MOU commences upon signature by both Participants.
4. The Participants intend that this MOU may be modified by mutual written decision of the Participants.

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