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Hello,

Yesterday's elections in the Republic of Somaliland were a significant milestone. Here are the key highlights:

- The elections marked the fourth presidential and ninth one-person one-vote democratic election since Somaliland established its democracy in 2001.
- The elections were inclusive, with systems in place to [support women's political participation](#) and [provide accommodations for those with physical disabilities](#).
- Somaliland welcomed [international observers from around the world](#) to Somaliland to monitor the electoral process, including from the U.S., UK, and international think tanks.

Vote counting is underway and the independent National Electoral Commission will certify and announce the election results next week.

The successful completion of this election cycle reaffirms Somaliland's unique status as a stable, democratic, and self-governing country within the Horn of Africa.

As the polls closed, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States issued a [Statement from Diplomatic Presence Mission on Somaliland](#):

*"The International Partners have closely followed the ongoing electoral process in Somaliland, leading to the election of Somaliland's President and political parties. A delegation of International Partners, led by Ambassadors and Envoys from several missions, visited over 30 polling stations in Hargeisa, Boroma, Berbera and Gabiley on 13 November 2024, to reaffirm their support for the democratic process*

*The International Partners commend the National Electoral Commission (NEC) for conducting a transparent voter registration and candidate nomination process, and for its ongoing efforts to maintain independence and impartiality, both essential for public confidence and trust in the electoral process. Somaliland's democracy, like all democracies, relies on giving politicians and parties the chance to take part in free and fair elections. It is the voters who ultimately will decide who will govern Somaliland.*

*The International Partners met with all three Political Parties, urging the Presidential Candidates and their supporters to accept the election results. They called on all parties to*

*uphold peace and public order, emphasising that respecting the rule of law is essential to honouring the will of the voters.*

*We wish to congratulate Somalilanders for exercising their right to vote peacefully and responsibly on 13 November 2024. We stand ready to work alongside Somaliland to further strengthen democracy and accountability in the future.”*

Select additional reports and reactions include:

*“Best Wishes to the people and Government of Somaliland on their elections today! The "Little Country that Can" continues to exemplify the characteristics that the liberal world values - but unfortunately has not the courage to formally recognize (yet)!!”*

- [Amb. Tibor Nagy](#), Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, U.S. Ambassador to Guinea and Ethiopia

*“Taiwan is pleased to endorse the democratic achievement alongside the international diplomatic presence of more than 100 members from Africa, Europe, Asia, and America. It is a great day for Somaliland’s one-person, one-vote 2-in-1 election. Hambalyo! Hambalyo! Hambalyo!”*

- [Taiwan Representative Office in Somaliland](#)

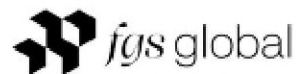
*“Polling stations have closed (apart from voters still in queues) and our observer teams across the country are ready for the vote count. #Somaliland #SomalilandElections2024”*

- [The Brenthurst Foundation](#), think tank providing election observers

Please don’t hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

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