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**Subject:** Update on Somaliland's 2024 Presidential Election

Good morning,

On behalf of the Republic of Somaliland's Mission to the United States, I am following up with an update regarding the November 13 elections. **Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi's election as Somaliland's next president has been [certified](#) by Somaliland's independent National Electoral Commission.**

President Muse Bihi Abdi has **[reaffirmed his commitment to the peaceful transition of power](#)** ahead of the inauguration of President-elect Abdullahi on December 13, 2024.

The successful completion of this election cycle drew praise from across the U.S. government, including:

- The **[U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu](#)** posted a statement of congratulations to the people Somaliland, noting, "Somaliland's impressive record of elections and peaceful transfers of power is a model for the region and beyond."
- The **[U.S. Department of State's Bureau of African Affairs](#)** also recognized Somaliland's "peaceful and democratic election" and expressed interest in working with Somaliland "to advance peace, stability, and prosperity."
- **[Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jim Risch \(R-ID\)](#)**: Congratulations to the #Somaliland people on another successful one-person, one-vote election. This election reaffirms Somaliland's unique democratic character and further highlights why the U.S. should shift to a more pragmatic approach toward Somaliland and the region.
- **[Rep. Lois Frankel \(D-FL\)](#)** commended the Women's Situation Room, a 24/7 toll-free center supporting women and girls during the election process, as "a powerful step in ensuring women's voices are heard worldwide."

Statements from election observers and Somaliland's neighbors **applauded the free, fair and peaceful conduct of the elections:**

- **[The Brenthurst Foundation](#)**, an African development think tank that provided a robust observer mission and a comprehensive report on the election: "This election was free, fair and credible despite the constraints of Somaliland's financial and institutional means."
- **[Kenyan Election Observer Mission](#)**: "The electoral environment, during the pre-election period, election day, and post-election phases, was observed to be peaceful, orderly, and well-organized, guided by the rule of law. The mission greatly commends the people of Somaliland, the Somaliland National Electoral

Commission, presidential candidates, and political parties for demonstrating confidence in the democratic process and ensuring a credible election.”

- **Ethiopia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs:** “The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia congratulates the People of Somaliland on the conduct of a peaceful and democratic election. The Ministry also commends the National Electoral Commission of Somaliland for conducting a free and fair election. This process reflects the maturity of Somaliland's governance and democratic system.”
- **British Ambassador to Somalia Mike Nithavrianakis:** “I spoke to President Bihi today, thanking him for his partnership, overseeing the delivery of successful and peaceful elections in #Somaliland. His commitment to ensuring a smooth transition is welcome.”

Please don’t hesitate to reach out should you have any questions about this historic election.

Best regards,

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