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*Group spoke with senior government officials, policy experts, academics, among others*

**Washington, D.C.** (May 23, 2025) – The Republic of Somaliland’s Foreign Minister Abdirahman Dahir Adan led a delegation visit to Washington this week, participating in celebrations marking Somaliland’s National Day with the diaspora community and holding consultations with U.S. government officials, lawmakers and experts focused on the Horn of Africa.

Foreign Minister Adan briefed U.S. partners on developments in Somaliland, including Somaliland’s free and fair elections and peaceful transfer of power last year, and explored new opportunities for the U.S. and Somaliland to further advance bilateral relations under the administration of President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi. The Minister’s meetings highlighted shared priorities, such as security and stability in the Red Sea region, efforts to counter China’s influence and reinforce support for Taiwan, and the importance of defending and promoting democracy in the Horn of Africa.

The delegation met with key U.S. government agencies, senior staff from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and members of Congress, including [Senator Ted Cruz](#) (Texas), [Representative Tim Burchett](#) (Tennessee), [Representative Tom Tiffany](#) (Wisconsin), [Representative Pat Haggan](#) (North Carolina), [Representative Scott Perry](#) (Pennsylvania), [Representative Ronny Jackson](#) (Texas), and [Representative John Moolenaar](#) (Michigan). In addition, they participated in a private roundtable hosted by the [Hudson Institute](#) alongside leaders in the Trump Administration, diplomats from Europe and the Middle East, business leaders, advocacy organizations, and experts in African affairs.

Concurrently, a parliamentary delegation led by MP Abdilahi Mohamed Ahmed (Member of Permanent Committee on Internal Affairs, Security, and Defense) and MP Abdilahi Muse Abdi (Member of Committee on Legislative Affairs, Human Rights & Justice) met with representatives from the offices of Reps. Young Kim (California) and Suzan DelBene

(Washington), the Congressional Research Service, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

"We are on the cusp of a pivotal moment in Somaliland-U.S. relations," Foreign Minister Adan said. "Our consultations with the Trump Administration and Congress have confirmed that the United States is actively seeking a strategic partnership with Somaliland. The enthusiasm and commitment we encountered from American leaders across the political spectrum demonstrates that formal bilateral relations are not just possible, but inevitable. Our meetings also provided valuable insights that will directly shape Somaliland's framework for deepening this partnership. Somaliland is now carefully evaluating the most effective mechanisms to advance our shared interests. Our discussions this week have laid the groundwork for what I am confident will be a transformative relationship that serves the interests of both our nations. The momentum is undeniable."

The Republic of Somaliland first gained independence and international recognition in 1960, and soon thereafter joined with the former Italian Somalia to establish the Somali Republic. Upon dissolving this failed union in 1991, Somaliland reclaimed its national sovereignty, secured its borders from terrorism and piracy, and has maintained a distinct, democratic government and economy ever since.

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