



Donors Congratulate Somaliland for the Conclusion of the Presidential Election

The Democratisation Programme Steering Committee extends its heartfelt congratulations to Somaliland for the successful conclusion of the Presidential Election.

We laud the National Electoral Commission (NEC) for mastering the difficult task it was entrusted with. We thank our implementing partners for the support they have provided to this successful electoral process. We commend civil society, including the local NGOs, the Election Monitoring Committee, the Non-State Actors Platform, the traditional and religious leaders, the media and international volunteers for the support they have provided by observing the elections, educating the voters and providing local mediators.

We commend President Rayale's acceptance of the election results and his readiness to hand over in a democratic manner. In the spirit of this statesmanship, we call on the outgoing and the incoming leaders to cooperate in the organization of a transparent and peaceful transition in the interest of Somaliland.

As donors, we have demonstrated that we stand by Somaliland's democratic process. We look forward to continue our cooperation with Somaliland under its newly-elected leadership.

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