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Mr Faisal Ali Warabe
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Dear Mr. Warabe,

Thank you for your kind letter of 10 May welcoming my appointment as Minister for Africa.

While we keep our policy under review, there are currently no plans to change the UK's long standing position on Somaliland's independence. We believe that the Somali people should determine their future relationship and that their neighbours and other African countries should lead the way in recognising any new arrangements.

Somaliland has made commendable progress in the past twenty years in creating relative peace and stability. Successful Presidential elections will be key to continuing this success and improving Somaliland's democratic credentials. We place great value on our relationship with Somaliland and look forward to further cooperation in many key areas such as counter terrorism, migration and piracy.


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