



**THE TRANSITIONAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF
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BEHALF OF HIS EXCELLENCY ABDULLAHI YUSUF AHMED,
PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA AND HIS
EXCELLENCY ALI MOHAMED GHEDI, PRIME MINISTER OF THE
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Excellencies,



I have the honor to address this highly important gathering of distinguished Leaders from Asia and Africa to mark the Jubilee commemoration of the first Asian-African Conference of 1955.

On the very onset of my intervention, allow me to express deep thanks to the Indonesian Government for the warm reception and hospitality accorded to my delegation and the esteem shown to my country.

In the same tune, I avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate the co-chairs and initiators of this historic Asian-African Leaders Summit and the preparatory committee set up for the motivation and excellent work they have accomplished to facilitate our task.

We know that the Summit is coinciding with a period of intense evolution in the world arena, whereby new challenges are overtaking the old problems that our two continents are facing, that is ensuring sustainable socio-economic development and democratic political transformations.

To face these new challenges, we need to introduce the necessary reforms to uphold human rights as well as making democracy the inspiring source for economic progress social stability and institutional continuity.

Our joint presence here, as leaders of Asia and Africa, should be devoted to a renewed commitment to the lofty set principles of Bandung, which still has universal validity, and also embodies greater perspectives for the future common understanding of humanity.

The Bandung principles have chartered a course of positive equidistance between the confronting blocks of the day and set on motion the non-aligned movement which, regardless of arsenals of destructive war machinery of the big powers, have succeeded to save humanity and to become a propelling force for decolonization and the attainment of the right of self-determination to all oppressed peoples.

Such a significant and historic achievement makes imperative on us to explore and open new horizons in serving international peace and security, promoting our interstate relationship and working for the welfare of our nations, without yielding to pressures alien to our problems, and trying to impose on us unworkable recipes.



We can do that by strengthening our cooperation, learning from the experience of each other and opening our space of interaction to one another in the interest of Asian-African peoples.

Through our common solidarity, not only we can do that, but also make wonders in the field of regional security and local conflict prevention and resolutions in whatever form we decide, as long as it is capable to respond to situations here and there, without causing unnecessary protractive hardships and creating complexities difficult to discernate.

In this context, a decade programme of Asian-African political solidarity and common cooperation should be worked out in all fields, removing continental barriers, reducing or demolishing protective measures, for the sake of common development, without distancing ourselves from global integration.

In this optic, a package of political stabilization and peace building should not be overlooked or lightly taken, wherever that shows to be a necessity.

Therefore, here is the appeal of my country to all distinguished leaders of Asia and Africa.

And that is, in short, to come to the aid of Somalia to restore with us peace and stability, and help us in creating an environment of security and peaceful development, so that newly established legality institutions could undertake the task of pacifying the country and providing the much needed services to our people, opening the gate wider to prospects of development without any hinderances of insecurity and protracted civil war recurrences.

I stress here, upon my fellow brothers and sisters from Asia to join hands with us and to closely cooperate with African Union, Arab League and IGAD, who have already taken the decision to be our leading partners in peace building, reconciliation promotion and institutional consolidation.

We cannot fail to address on this occassion special thanks to Kenya, IGAD, African Union, Arab League and European Union for the key role they have played in organizing, hosting, guiding, and financing the reconciliation process which made possible to establish our new legitimate state institutions, without giving up and still remaining engaged in demonstrating attachment to our success.

We pledge to this conference that the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia will spare no effort in devoting itself to the cause of peace, security and democracy in Somalia and strongly urges your full support and solidarity, as a demonstration of Asia-Africa common commitment and goodwill.

Thank you

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