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Urgent Call for Timely Conduct of the 2026 Somaliland Parliamentary and Local Council Elections The Centre

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The Centre

for Democratic Governance (CDG) is deeply concerned about the potential delay of the upcoming Somaliland parliamentary and local council elections scheduled for May 2026. Timely and credible elections are critical to strengthening Somaliland's democratization process and ensuring the political rights of its citizens.

Historically, Somaliland elections have faced repeated delays beyond their constitutional timelines, which has led to institutional uncertainty and public concern. To prevent a recurrence of such delays, CDG calls upon all relevant stakeholders, including the Government of Somaliland, the National Electoral Commission (NEC), and the three major political parties—KAAH, WADDANI, and KULMIYE—to collaborate effectively and take all necessary measures to ensure that the elections take place as planned in May 2026.

CDG recognizes that the people of Somaliland, both men and women, have shown strong interest in participating as candidates in these elections. It is, therefore, the responsibility of all election stakeholders to uphold the democratic rights of the people by ensuring a fair, transparent, and timely electoral process.

We urge the Somaliland government and NEC to finalize all electoral preparations, including voter registration, logistical planning, and legal frameworks, well in advance to avoid any administrative or political obstacles that could lead to postponements. We also call on political parties to engage constructively in the electoral process and demonstrate their commitment to democratic principles.

Reinforce the urgency and accountability of the electoral process, CDG emphasizes the importance of establishing a dedicated pressure group comprising civil society organizations, political analysts, media representatives, and concerned citizens. This group will actively monitor the progress of election preparations, advocate for transparency, and hold key stakeholders accountable for their commitments. The pressure group will serve as an independent watchdog to ensure that no unnecessary delays occur and that the voices of the people are heard and respected.

CDG remains committed to promoting democratic governance and will continue to monitor developments closely. We advise all election stakeholders to prioritize the timely conduct of the 2026 elections to uphold Somaliland's democratic credibility and stability.