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**Communiqué on grievance concern about the current situation in Puntland**

PUNSAA Board of Directors held their quarterly meeting in Garowe from 10<sup>th</sup> to 11 of February 2018 at PUNSAA office, and released this communiqué on Puntland current condition:

1. Puntland Civil Society have grievance concern on the situation of displaced people and economic hardships caused by the confrontation between Somaliland and Puntland in Tukaraq areas of Sool region, PUNSAA called on both administrations to resolve the conflict through political negotiations.
2. Puntland Civil Society has warned the looming drought in Puntland due to poor rainfall in 70% of Puntland regions in last Deyr Season, where the livestock are facing shortage of water and grass, PUNSAA called on the Puntland Government, International community and business people to take action to minimum the risks of the drought and save lives.
3. PUNSAA acknowledged the National Independent Election Commission (NIEC), efforts to prepare the one person, one vote elections in 2020 across the country, which is the foundation of achieving good governance and democracy. PUNSAA praised the recent trip by the members of the NIEC to Puntland by consulting with different sectors of the society on the roadmap of the free and fairs elections in Somalia.
4. PUNSAA welcomed the rescue efforts by Bossaso community aimed at saving a commercial boat ran aground on the water nearby Bossaso port.
5. Puntland Civil Society is deeply saddened the lack of emergency preparedness, and urged the government to come up with an emergency contingency plan to response on timely manner.

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