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Statement

Introduction:

On June 21 to 22, 2018 PUNSAA Inclusive Governance TWG organized a consultative meeting on public engagement in the democratization process in Puntland. The participants of this meeting were from all stakeholders in the good governance and democratization including Puntland Ministry of Interior, the Transitional Puntland Electoral Commission (TPEC), youth, academics, women's organization, media and business people.

This meeting was a dialogue and consultation on how best to facilitate the process of the 2019 Puntland Democratization Process and the participants came up with a number of suggestions on the issue.

Problems:

After deep discussions it was realized that the process of democratization in Puntland is very slow.

Way forward:

In order to find a solution to the shortcoming in the democratization process in Puntland, the meeting agreed the following proposals.

Recommendations:

1. It was agreed that the government and civil society organizations should come up commitment of speeding up on the process of Puntland Democratization.
2. Complete and encourage the creation of Political Associations that aims to reach Political Parts and free elections on the basis of one person one vote.
3. The meeting recommended to PUNSAA to lead the acceleration of democratization process on behalf of Puntland community.
4. The meeting has outlined the adoption of local government elections as soon as possible.
5. In order to achieve a free elections, the meeting recommended to undertake comprehensive awareness-raising related issues on the process of One Person One Vote.
6. The meeting recommended that the federal government and its member states should harmonize their electoral systems and procedures.



7. The meeting proposes and encourages the acceleration of the establishment of an independent border demarcation commission to address Puntland border disputes.
8. The meeting encourages the role of the political association already registered and advises to accelerate their work so that the election can be held on time.
9. The meeting is urging the Puntland community to take part in their role in the democratization process and work with the government and other stakeholders involve in the Puntland election
10. The meeting proposed to the International Community to support Puntland Electoral Commission (TPEC) in order to accomplish their mission in relation to the democratization process in Puntland.

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