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**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
underlines the EU's support for Somalia
and its Transitional Federal Government**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), today emphasised the EU's engagement with Somalia and its full support for the Transitional Federal Government in meetings with Prime Minister Omar Abdirashid Ali SHARMARKE and Ahmedou OULD-ABDALLAH, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Somalia.

The discussions focussed on the latest developments in Somalia and the region. Mr SOLANA emphasised the European Union's commitment to Somalia and its Transitional Federal Government. *"Somalia is very important to the European Union and we are fully engaged in supporting the Government's efforts to stabilise the country and ensure that Somalia and its people have a safe and prosperous future"*, he said. Mr SOLANA underlined the EU's efforts to support security and governance in Somalia and in the Horn of Africa as a whole. The EU is currently assessing the options for boosting its support to the Somali security sector, in addition to the current deployment of its anti-piracy taskforce, EUNAVFOR ATALANTA, off the coast of Somalia.

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