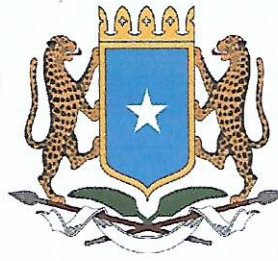


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**Federal Republic of Somalia**  
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia (the “Government of Somalia”) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya (the “Government of Kenya”) and notes with great concern the recent decision of the Government of Kenya to restrict the issuance of entry visas to members of the Somali Cabinet and Parliament. In particular, the Government of Somalia is concerned that several members of the Somali Government who traveled to Nairobi recently, including parliamentarians and Cabinet ministers, were detained by immigration officials, their passports confiscated, forcing them to return to Mogadishu.

The Government of Somalia also expresses its concern with regards to the reinstatement of a mandatory stopover in Wajir ostensibly for purposes of conducting additional security checks on Somali passengers. This is inconsistent with an agreement reached between our two Governments in respect of conducting direct flights from Mogadishu to Nairobi.

These actions contravene the neighborly bond that exists between Somalia and Kenya. The Government of Somalia therefore calls on the Government of Kenya to consider the potentially destabilizing impact of these actions and to uphold the longstanding relations between our two nations as well as the diplomatic norms in the spirit of reciprocity and mutual respect.

In this regard the Government of Somalia is committed to maintaining the friendly relations with the Government of Kenya and will continue to welcome Kenyan citizens and Government officials to Somalia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Federal Republic of Somalia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya the assurances of its highest consideration.



Mogadishu, 21 May 2019

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