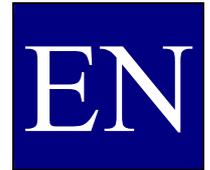




**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on Somalia Training Mission

*FOREIGN AFFAIRS Council meeting
Brussels, 25 January 2010*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council remained concerned about the situation in Somalia and its regional implications, recalling its 27 July Conclusions. It expressed its continued full support to the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia. It stressed the need for the full implementation of the Djibouti Agreement (19 August 2008). The Council reaffirmed the need to deal with the challenges of Somalia through a comprehensive approach. The EU should therefore continue to help stabilize Somalia by providing support to vital and priority areas such as the security sector, development, assistance to the population and capacity-building support, in addition to ongoing deployment of EU NAVFOR Atalanta and humanitarian assistance. The Council recalled relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, in particular UNSCR 1872, which urges the International Community to provide technical assistance to the Somali Security Forces.

In this context, the Council agreed to set up a military mission to contribute to training of Somali security forces. This mission would take place in Uganda where Somali forces are already being trained, which would also facilitate the coordination of the EU action with the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). It would be launched with the next intake of trainees, scheduled to start in spring 2010. The mission would be conducted in close coordination with our partners, including the TFG, Uganda, the African Union, the United Nations and the United States of America.

The Council recognised the need to carry out this training as part of a wider international effort and encompassing inter alia the vetting of trainees, the monitoring and mentoring of the forces once back in Mogadishu and the funding and payment of the salaries of the soldiers. The Council emphasised the need to ensure that these issues were satisfactorily addressed on a continuing basis, including before the launch of the mission.

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Underlining the need for TFG ownership, the Council noted that it would also be essential that the international community gives the necessary support to the TFG to fulfil its role in developing its capacity with respect to its security forces.

The Council agreed to remain seized of the issue and asked the High Representative to report on progress achieved on a regular basis. »
