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CSPD CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF VIOLENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND POLITICAL DIALOGUE IN SOMALIA.

The Center for Strategic Policy and Development (CSPD) expresses its deep concern regarding the escalating political and security tensions in Mogadishu and other parts of Somalia. Reports of armed confrontations between government security forces and opposition groups have resulted in civilian casualties, destruction of property, displacement of families, and growing instability at a time when the nation urgently requires unity and political consensus.

CSPD calls upon all parties to exercise maximum restraint and immediately cease all acts of violence. Political disagreements, including disputes concerning elections, governance, constitutional matters, and power-sharing arrangements, must be resolved through peaceful dialogue and democratic processes rather than through force.

CSPD specifically calls upon the Federal Government of Somalia to refrain from the use of military force, armed confrontation, or security operations against opposition leaders and political actors. Political disputes should not be addressed through violence, intimidation, or the deployment of military assets. Somalia's political future must be determined through dialogue, constitutional processes, and democratic engagement rather than armed conflict.

CSPD further urges current Government to avoid actions that may contribute to escalation and to commit themselves to peaceful political engagement with the opposition leaders.

CSPD urges the Federal Government of Somalia, opposition leaders, federal member states, and all political stakeholders to engage in an inclusive national dialogue aimed at reaching an Election through a consensus means.

CSPD calls on the international community, including the United Nations, the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, the African Union, and other international partners, to intensify diplomatic engagement and mediation efforts to prevent further violence, protect civilians, and avert a potential deterioration of Somalia's political and security environment.

The international community has invested substantial resources in supporting Somalia's security sector to combat terrorism and violent extremist groups, particularly the terrorist organization Al-Shabaab.

CSPD strongly urges all parties to ensure that military equipment, training, logistical support, and resources provided by international partners for counter-terrorism purposes are not be used against civilians, political actors, or communities within Somalia.

CSPD is deeply concerned by reports of civilian deaths, injuries, destruction of property, and displacement resulting from recent clashes. CSPD calls for an independent investigation into all reported incidents and demands accountability for any unlawful actions that resulted in civilian harm.

CSPD believes Somalia's future depends on dialogue, reconciliation, constitutional governance, and respect for democratic principles. The use of force to resolve political disagreements threatens national stability, weakens public trust, and undermines the rule of law.

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