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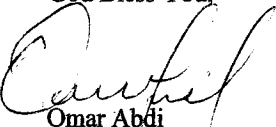
PRESS RELEASE

The Somali Community in the State of Arizona is very delighted and very proud of the victors, the Government of Somalia and the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in this defining moment.

We would like thank the Government of Ethiopia for their assistance in understanding the suffering of the Somali people and most of all, the swift action to help the Somali people in their unrelenting fervor for freedom and justice. It is amazing to see the joint action of Ethiopia and Somalia. The joint action is defined itself not in race or religion or culture or language, but in terms of values - the values of freedom and democracy. The values of freedom and democracy are not just Ethiopian values, Western values or European values. They are muslims, christians and other religion values. Indeed the action of the two governments is a living testimony that shows these values are universal values.

It is not too early for our community to think about how to build a just, peaceful and democratic Somalia after ICU is gone. Critical problems lie ahead. Accordingly, We call upon the United States of America and the African Union in particular; and the rest of the international community in general, to play a vital role in building Somalia in its struggle to stand on its own feet.

God Bless You,


Omar Abdi
President

cc

-The Interim Government of Somalia

-The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

-The State Department of the U.S.A.

-Ethiopia and Somalia Friendship Committee
in Arizona