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Meeting on Somali Security Sector Empowerment

Journalists are invited to attend the opening session of the Meeting on Somalia Security Sector Empowerment, on Friday, 30 March 2012, at 2:45 p.m, at the new AU Conference Complex, African Union Headquarters, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The Meeting will be attended by AU Member States, Partners, representatives of the UN, European Union, EGAD, Arab League, as well as, Permanent Members of the Secretary General.

The objectives of the Conference are to facilitate practical support to the Somalia National Security Forces (SNF).

It is hoped that at the end of the Conference, participating countries and organizations will reach agreement on the following:

- The imperative for greater and more coordinated support to the SNF to undertake its responsibility as outlined in the new AMISOM Concept of operation (CONOPS);
- the need for sustainable support to the SNF in meeting its administrative and operations needs; and
- Commitment by participants regarding specific financial and in-kind support.

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