



**Security Council briefing on Threats to International Peace and Security:
Israel's December 26th decision to recognize the northern region of Somalia as
an independent and sovereign state**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, Greece wishes to underscore the fundamental importance of respect for international law and the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

In view of the latest developments regarding the Federal Republic of Somalia, Greece expresses its grave concern and stresses the need to respect the Unity, Sovereignty, Territorial integrity, and political independence of the State, in accordance with the UN Charter as well as of the Charter of the African Union.

In this context, we recall that Security Council resolutions on Somalia, adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter, including most recently resolution 2809 (2025), explicitly reaffirm respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence, and unity of Somalia. Any actions contrary to these principles, while having no legal effect, risk leading to another cycle of instability.

We therefore reiterate the importance of fully respecting Somalia's unity, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence. Support for secessionist entities within Somalia, which could destabilize the country and lead to a reversal of hard-won counter-terrorism gains, is unacceptable and undermines current efforts for a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

As is well known, the United Nations Transitional Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNTMIS) is currently delivering results in the second and final phase of its transition, with the aim of enabling Somalia to assume full responsibility for its own security. Initiatives that introduce unnecessary political turbulence into a country that has made tangible progress across the political, security, and humanitarian tracks run counter to these efforts and pose risks to regional stability.

Beyond the internal dimension, the destabilization of Somalia carries a serious risk of spillover effects, potentially spreading instability across the Horn of Africa and beyond.

In conclusion, Mr. President, Greece firmly believes that the situation is a matter that can only be addressed through dialogue with, and through, the legitimate and internationally recognized Federal Government of Somalia, in full accordance with international law and the United Nations Charter.

I thank you.