



Federal Republic of Somalia
Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development

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To:George Conway
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UNDP, SOMALIA

RE: USE OF NEW DEAL FACILITY FUNDS JUSTIFICATION

Please accept my gratitude and appreciation to the United Nations' Development Program for its continuous support towards strengthening the Somali government Institutions.

The Ministry has been fully engaged in conducting nationwide consultations to gather inputs from key stakeholders for the purposes of drafting the 9th National Development Plan. With this letter, we wish to clarify and justify the use of consultation funds of the New Deal Facility which were meant to cover, amongst other things, the Puntland consultation round 1. Instead we used these funds for consultations in Hirshabelle State.

Following the then ongoing elections in Puntland State of Somalia at the time of the NDP 9 first round consultations in February 2019, The Ministry utilized the UNDP's New Deal Facility Fund allocated for the Puntland consultations on the consultations of Hirshabelle State of Somalia instead in the interest of time against the backdrop of the SMP 3 deadline of 31st of March 2019.

The consultations of Hirshabelle State of Somalia went well and the stakeholders inputs have been captured in the first draft of the NDP9.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development.

Regards,

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