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**H.E. Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed  
The President  
The Federal Republic of Somalia**

**H.E. Sheikh Ahmed Mohamed Islam  
The President  
The State of Jubaland**

Your Excellencies,

**FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN JUBALAND**

In consideration of the upcoming elections in Jubaland scheduled to take place on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 and in my capacity as a declared presidential candidate, I wish to officially request Your Excellencies to ensure a free and fair election process in the State of Jubaland by:

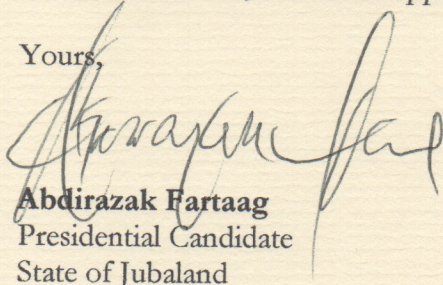
1. The National Independent Electoral Commission collaborate with Jubaland's Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission.
2. Officially invite independent election observers from credible institutions like the AU, EU, UNSOM and IGAD, as well as international non-governmental organizations.
3. Collaborate with the existing security forces to guarantee the safety of voters, candidates and observers before, during and after the elections.

Credible, free and fair elections will legitimize the state leadership and will further safeguard peace and security in the State of Jubaland.

As you are aware, there is only a little more than one month before the election. Therefore, your commitment in ensuring free and fair elections will be a demonstration of your support to warring communities.

Your Excellencies, I take this opportunity to convey my goodwill.

Yours,



**Abdirazak Fartaag**  
Presidential Candidate  
State of Jubaland