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Friday, June 16, 2017

Hon. Abdullahi Mohamed Nor
Member of Parliament (MP)
Federal Parliament of Somalia

Subject: Parliamentary Review of the Security Sector Payroll Reform (SSPR) Project

Dear Mr. Nor,

The Federal Parliament of Somalia's Budget, Finance, Planning and Overview Committee has requested that Fartaag Research & Consulting review the Security Sector Payroll Reform (SSPR) project, including determining whether there has been any impropriety. To report to Parliament to its satisfaction I am obliged to pursue any and all avenues of inquiry, regardless of your current status as a parliamentarian.

Indeed, the SSPR project was undertaken in 2016 during the period in which you served as State Minister of Finance of the Federal Government of Somalia.

During this period, previous investigations revealed your role in the diversion of public resources. For my part, I described your past practices of diversion of public resources in my last report ("Breaking Point in Somalia", November 2016), with which you are familiar. Similarly, the UN SEMG investigated and identified your role in the diversion of public funds in its last report (2016), as did the Somali accountability organization Marqaati in its "2016 State of Accountability" report (February 2017).

In order to determine whether these practices of diversion of public funds through the Ministry of Finance affected the SSPR project, I would like to pose the following questions:

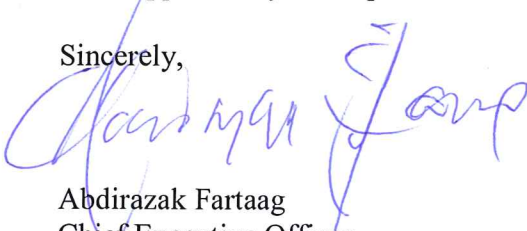
1. On June 13, 2017, you, Mr. Nor, attempted to interfere with a Parliamentary review process by misrepresenting and abusing the Rules of Procedure of the Federal Parliament, as well as misrepresenting the views and intentions of Members of Parliament and the Budget, Finance, Planning and Overview Committee. It is for the Federal Parliament and the Attorney-General of Somalia to determine whether your actions constitute criminal

obstruction of the work of the Parliament and contempt of Parliament in your attempts to undermine the efforts of the Somali Parliament to be accountable to the Somali population. In the context of the Parliamentary SSPR project review, the question now is whether you are part of any conspiracy to cover up issues of Somali public concern. For the record, what is your personal interest in trying to stop the natural course of a Parliamentary review process? Can you explain any informal or formal relationship you have had in the past to the SSPR project? What was the nature of this relationship, and who was your point of contact?

2. Did anyone—including Hodan Osman (UNDP), Richard Nash (UK DFID) or individuals associated with Abyrint—request that you, Mr. Nor, circulate a communication on June 13, 2017, seeking to interfere with a Parliamentary review process aiming at public accountability of the SSPR project? Were you offered any material inducement for sending the communication of June 13, 2017?
3. For the record, did you, Mr. Nor, ever personally benefit materially or otherwise from the SSPR project?
4. Did you, Mr. Nor, attempt in any way to influence directly or indirectly the outcome of the SSPR project to ensure control over state funds intended for the payment of security sector salaries, to the exclusion of other ministries and agencies in the Somali security sector, thereby exposing these funds to diversion for electoral, personal or other illicit purposes? In other words, Mr. Nor, was the SSPR project in a position to be used as cover for diversion of security sector salary funds?
5. During the period in which you, Mr. Nor, served as State Minister of Finance in 2016, what was your relationship with Hodan Osman? Can you describe the nature of your contact with her with regards to the SSPR project, and how this may have affected the financial flows of security sector salary funds?
6. Similarly, during the same period, what was the nature of your contact, whether formal or informal, with Abyrint? For the record, have you, Mr. Nor, personally ever received any material benefit or contribution in kind from Abyrint?
7. Separate from these written questions, are you, Mr. Nor, voluntarily willing to answer questions about your formal or informal links to the SSPR project in a dedicated parliamentary session on the topic?

I will appreciate your responses before the Parliament's deadline for this review in July 2017.

Sincerely,



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