

**PEACE TALKS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA
AND THE OGADEN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (ONLF) FACILITATED BY
THE KENYA FACILITATION TEAM - NAIROBI, KENYA**

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

We, representatives of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as the FDRE) and the Ogaden National Liberation Front (hereinafter referred to as ONLF):

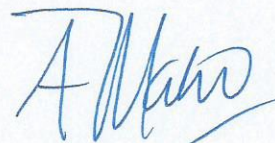
Cognisant of the importance of the unique opportunity of facilitation afforded by the Kenyan facilitation team to reach a negotiated solution to the conflict in the Ogaden;

Concerned by the negative consequences of the conflict in the Ogaden in Ethiopia;

Hereby agree to the following Declaration of Principles (DOP) that would constitute the basis for resolving the conflict;

- Formal negotiations between the Ethiopian government and the Ogaden National Liberation Front shall be held to resolve the conflict;
- The common goal of the afore mentioned negotiations shall be the attainment of a just and lasting peace;
- Such negotiations shall be comprehensive and address the substantive issues that are the root causes of the conflict;
- The holding of negotiations must be in accordance with mutually acceptable principles and no preconditions shall be made to negate the inherent character and purpose of the peace negotiations;
- The substantive agenda of the peace negotiations shall include issues that will facilitate the implementation of any peace agreement;
- Both parties shall agree to specific measures of goodwill and confidence building in order to create a favourable climate for the negotiations;

Parties agreed that the date of the next meeting will be on the 8th of October 2012 in Kenya.



Parties agreed on the following agenda and issues:

AGENDA

- Peaceful resolution of the conflict in the Ogaden

ISSUES

- Political issue
- Security
- Human rights and humanitarian issue
- Economic/Natural resources

This declaration was agreed on 7th day of September 2012 by:

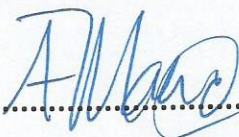
Head of delegation - Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Hon Siraj Fegessa - Minister for Defence, Ethiopia

Signed:  Date: 7 Sep 2012

Head of delegation - Ogaden National Liberation Front

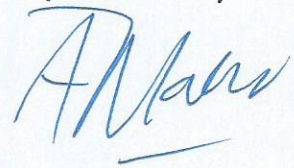
Hon Abdirahman Mohamed Mahdi - Foreign Secretary, ONLF

Signed:  Date: Sept 7, 2012

Witnessed by the chair of the Kenyan facilitation team

Hon Mohamed Yusuf Haji - Minister of State for Defence and Ag Minister for Provincial Administration and Internal Security, Kenya

Signed:  Date: 7th September 2012



The Delegation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE):

1. Hon Siraj Fegessa - Head of delegation
2. Gebre Adhana
3. Zeynu Jemal
4. Alemu Kitata
5. Mesfin Awulachew
6. Sabir Keda
7. Kassa Melaku

The Delegation of the Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF):

1. Hon Abdirahman Mohamed Mahdi - Head of delegation
2. Mohamud Abass
3. Ahmed Abdi Yassin
4. Ahmed Gurhan
5. Hassan Ali Moalim
6. Mohamud Ugaas Muhumed
7. Sulub Abdi Ahmed

The Kenya Government Facilitation Team:

1. Hon Mohamed Yusuf Haji - Chair
2. Hon Mohamed Abdi Affey
3. Hon Yusuf Hassan Abdi
4. Ali Bunow Korane

