

Security Council regrets Somalia's expulsion of UN envoy

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United Nations: The UN Security Council is expressing regret at Somalia's decision to expel a UN envoy who questioned the arrest of an extremist group defector-turned-political candidate.

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The statement conveys gratitude to the longtime UN official. It also notes the international community's support for Somalia's efforts to rebuild peace and stability "and the council's expectation of full cooperation between Somalia and the United Nations".

Although opposed to Haysom's expulsion, the world body said it would replace him so the UN can function in the Horn of Africa nation.

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