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Election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

(Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of
the Rules of the Governing Council)

Candidature

of

Ms. Marwa ABDIBASHIR HAGI (Somalia)

On 18 August 2023, the Secretary General received a communication from Ms. Marwa Abdibashir Hagi, member of the House of People of Somalia, submitting her candidature for the office of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which is to be filled at the 212th session of the Governing Council.

The text of this communication and the additional materials received in support of this candidature can be found attached.

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**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL
BY MS. MARWA ABDIBASHIR HAGI, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE OF SOMALIA**

Ref: GKHDB/GSH/B11/0016/23

15 August 2023

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I hope this email finds you in good health and high spirits. I would like to take this moment to express my sincere gratitude for your continuous efforts and invaluable work on behalf of Somalia. Your dedication to our nation's progress has not gone unnoticed, and we are truly thankful for your unwavering support.

I am writing to formally announce my candidacy for the Presidency of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). As I step into this role, I am driven by a commitment to unity and collaboration. I firmly believe that the strength of the IPU lies in the collective effort of its Members, working together towards common goals. My foremost priority will be to foster an environment of inclusivity, where every voice is heard, and every nation plays an active role in shaping our global future.

In a world that often seems divided, I am deeply convinced of the importance of peace and mutual respect. Regardless of gender, religion, or any differences, it is vital that we recognize our shared humanity and work towards leaving a legacy of harmony. As you are well aware, Somalia has faced challenges in terms of human rights, and it is a key motivation for my candidacy. I strongly believe that violence against any gender should be universally condemned, and I pledge to advocate for the rights and safety of all individuals, including those within my home country.

Climate change presents one of the most pressing challenges of our time. As IPU President, I am committed to addressing this global issue with urgency and determination. Additionally, I will wholeheartedly support initiatives aimed at alleviating the refugee crisis, and I will tirelessly work to counteract profiteering that undermines the well-being of communities.

I believe that our shared vision for a better world, coupled with your leadership and the collaborative spirit of IPU Members, can truly make a difference. Your support is invaluable to me, and I humbly request your endorsement of my candidacy.

Please accept, dear Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)

Honourable Marwa Abdibashir Hagi (Ms.)
Deputy Chair of Resources Committee
Federal Parliament of Somali (The House of People)
Candidate for the Presidency of the
Inter-Parliamentary Union (the IPU)

**LETTER OF NOMINATION AND SUPPORT FROM
THE 1ST DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE**

REF: 025/3/1st DS/B-11/23

13 August 2023

Dear Right Honourable Speaker,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. It is my privilege to address you regarding the nomination of the Honourable Ms. Marwa Abdibashir Haji for the prestigious position of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

I express my utmost respect and appreciation for your pivotal role in shaping parliamentary affairs and international collaboration. As I nominate the Honourable Ms. Marwa Abdibashir Haji for the distinguished role of IPU President, I am deeply honoured to connect with you in this matter.

Recognizing Somalia's bid for the IPU Presidency, I acknowledge the challenges our nation has faced within the African community. The scars of conflict and the complexities of recovery underscore our determination to reclaim our place in the global community. The IPU offers an exceptional platform for this purpose.

Ms. Haji's dedication to government service is commendable. Her commitment spans a lifetime of tireless efforts to effect positive change. She has engaged with and uplifted African communities, becoming the first Member of Parliament elected in the current Somali Parliament, a testament to her leadership.

Ms. Haji's journey reflects resilience and dedication. As a Somali-Canadian returning to Somalia, she confronted challenges head-on. Her courage and commitment in the face of adversity are truly commendable and speak to her character. With great respect for your esteemed guidance and the wisdom of your colleagues, I earnestly seek your endorsement and support for Ms. Haji. The upcoming election in October, to be held in Luanda, Angola, marks a pivotal moment for the IPU and its represented nations. I believe your endorsement will amplify Somalia's voice and reaffirm our shared commitment to a more interconnected world.

I anticipate your support and the backing of your esteemed peers. Together, we can foster mutual understanding, collaboration and progress. Please consider our nomination with an open heart and a vision aligned with the principles of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Thank you for your time, thoughtful consideration, and dedication to parliamentary democracy and international cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Sadia Yasin Haji Samatarv (Ms.)
1st Deputy Speaker – House of the People
The Federal Parliament of Somalia

REF: 642/BJFS/2023

11 September 2023

**JOINT STATEMENT FOR UNANIMOUS ACCEPTANCE
FROM HOUSE OF PEOPLE AND UPPER HOUSE**

We are deeply honoured to issue this joint statement on behalf of both chambers of the Federal Republic of Somalia. It fills us with immense pride and satisfaction to announce that we are fully supporting Ms. Honourable Marwa Abdibashir Hagi as a candidate for a pivotal position. Importantly, her candidacy has encountered no objections from any Member of Parliament or Senator, reflecting unwavering support for her potential role. This unanimous endorsement underscores our steadfast commitment to advancing women's rights within our nation.

Ms. Hagi's candidacy holds great promise for the women of Somalia, who fervently regard her as the embodiment of their hopes and aspirations. Her endorsement as a candidate serves as a collective affirmation of our dedication to promoting peace throughout our country and the World.

We hold absolute confidence in Ms Hagi's capacity to effectively lead in the role of the IPU President. Her vision is remarkably clear, encompassing an unwavering commitment to addressing pressing issues, including human rights, democracy, and climate change. Ms. Hagi's steadfast commitment to listening to diverse perspectives and her resolute dedication to meaningful action make her an exemplary candidate for the President of the IPU.

In the selection of Ms Hagi, we, along with our deputies and the Speaker of the Senate, have made a conscious decision to nominate an MP who will prioritize and adeptly lead the IPU's agenda. We recognize the pivotal and indispensable role that the IPU President fulfils, serving as a linchpin for collaborative efforts that transcend national borders.

(Signed) Hon. Sheikh Aden Mohamed Nur (Madobe)
Speaker – House of the People
The Federal Parliament of Somalia

Hon. Abdi Hashi Abdullahi
Speaker – Upper House
The Federal Parliament of Somalia

Curriculum Vitae



HON MARWA ABDIBASHIR HAGI

OBJECTIVE

To secure the position of "President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Parliament."

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

With over 15 years of professional experience working with the Somali Government, I have gained an exceptional understanding of Somali business laws and national as well as international business practices. I am fluent in Somali, English, and Arabic. My expertise lies in efficiently planning and coordinating actions to ensure the success of parliamentary endeavours. I have successfully developed and strengthened collaboration with government stakeholders, steering committees, and project partners, aligning with the project's Implementation Manual.

I am adept at preparing comprehensive Project Status Reports (PSRs) for assessment by the World Bank TTL and the Project Steering Committee (PSC). My experience includes supporting local and international consultants, monitoring project activities, conducting value chain assessments, and delivering training and technical assistance. My interpersonal and communication skills are strong, enabling me to excel under pressure and meet tight deadlines. I have undertaken various responsibilities, including assisting the PSC and arranging meetings with meticulous attention to detail.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION

- Information Communication Technology & Microsoft Products-Office Packages
ICT Training, 2010
- Degree of BA in Business Administration
Algonquin College/University, Ottawa, Canada, 1997 - 2000
- Certificate in Office Administration
Algonquin College/University, Ottawa, Canada, 1996 - 1997

CAREER SUMMARY

- **2022-Present:** Member of Parliament & Deputy Chairperson of Resources Committees, Republic of Somalia.
- **2018 - June 2020:** World Bank Project: Somali Petroleum Technical Assistance Project (SOPTAP)
- Position: Project Coordinator Ministry of Petroleum & Minerals Resources, Federal Republic of Somalia, Mogadishu, Somalia
- Orchestrated a phased program of action to coordinate the successful implementation of the SOPTAP program.
- Supported the Ministry in managing contracts for National Communications Strategy (NCS) and Somali Petroleum Authority (SPA) assignments.
- Fostered collaboration among the Ministry of Petroleum & Minerals Resources, the World Bank team, consultants, and Federal Member States.
- Provided secretarial services to the Project Steering Committees (PSC).

- Managed consultants' budgets and calculated tax on payments.
- Arranged and managed petroleum revenue sharing among Federal Member States.
- Developed strong collaborations with government stakeholders, PSC, development partners, and other entities to facilitate support for the SOPTAP program.
- Strengthened capacity within major institutions of the Federal Government and Federal Member States involved in the petroleum sector's development and governance.
- Assisted in the development of a National Communications Strategy (NCS) and the implementation of the Somalia Petroleum Authority (SPA).
- Offered advice and support in establishing and staffing the Project Implementation Unit (PIU).
- Supervised PIU support staff (Procurement & FM Specialists).
- Led the preparation of the Project Implementation Manual (PIM) and ensured adherence to its stipulations.
- Conducted project auditing, evaluation activities, and progress reporting on a quarterly basis.
- Initiated and coordinated annual work plans for implementing agencies based on standardized formats.
- Managed and coordinated the execution of the project's procurement plan, adhering to procurement guidelines and Grant Agreement provisions.
- Conducted meetings with the Minister of Petroleum & Minerals Resources.
- Organized workshops for Federal Member States, emphasizing the importance of Somali National Communications in the Upstream sector.

2003–2012: Finance Division, Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC Refining), Abu Dhabi, UAE

- Evaluated investment proposals for petroleum exploration/development and constructed economic models for analysis.
- Provided expertise in corporate and asset evaluations, including revenue analysis, right issues, and bank finance studies.
- Monitored accounting procedures, and identified payment and revenue processing issues related to oil & gas.
- Improved decision analysis efforts through tool and process development.
- Conducted global economic evaluations of oil & gas areas and prospects.
- Prepared and presented regular financial reports.

2012–2014: Procurement Support Division, ADNOC Refining, UAE

- Managed the procurement request process.
- Gathered and compared vendor quotations, selecting the best options.
- Prepared comprehensive reports for top management's decision-making.

2014–2015: Communication Strategy Division, ADNOC Refining, UAE

- Evaluated information from new companies willing to work with the refinery.
- Collaborated with relevant organizations to enhance the company's image.
- Contributed to various publicity materials and participated in events.

2015 – 2017: Advisor of EU Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- Provided advice on matters related to domestic and foreign investment.
- Promoted the Ministry's mandate.
- Managed international and public relations activities.
- Facilitated communication between interested parties and the Ministry.

MARRIED, THREE CHILDREN

LANGUAGE

SOMALI, ENGLISH, ARABIC

VOTE

HON MARWA ABDIBASHIR HAGI

IPU
PRESIDENT
2023

**LUANDA
ANGOLA
26-27
OCTOBER
2023**

**ONE WORD
"UNITY"**





- **I WILL CHAMPION YOUR VOICES, YOUR CONCERNS, AND YOUR INNOVATIVE IDEAS. TOGETHER, WE WILL WORK TO CREATE PLATFORMS FOR MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE THAT PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENSUS ON GLOBAL ISSUES.**
- **I AM DEEPLY COMMITTED TO UPHOLDING AND ADVANCING DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES WITHIN OUR PARLIAMENTS AND BEYOND. I WILL SUPPORT INITIATIVES THAT ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, ENSURING THAT THE VOICE OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS HEARD AND RESPECTED.**
- **FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES, WE FACE CHALLENGES THAT TRANSCEND BORDERS. I PLEDGE TO LEAD THE IPU IN FACILITATING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO FIND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS THAT PROTECT OUR PLANET AND THE WELL-BEING OF OUR POPULATIONS.**
- **I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF DIALOGUE TO BRIDGE DIVIDES AND PROMOTE PEACE. I WILL TIRELESSLY ADVOCATE FOR DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES TO CONFLICTS, FOSTERING UNDERSTANDING AMONG NATIONS AND CULTURES.**
- **EQUALITY IS THE CORNERSTONE OF A JUST SOCIETY. I WILL WORK TO ENSURE THAT OUR POLICIES AND INITIATIVES PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY, INCLUSIVITY, AND THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETIES.**
- **IN THE DIGITAL AGE, TECHNOLOGY CAN BE A TOOL FOR PROGRESS. I WILL HARNESS ITS POTENTIAL TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION AMONG PARLIAMENTS, MAKING OUR COLLABORATIONS MORE EFFICIENT AND IMPACTFUL.**
- **AS YOU CONSIDER YOUR VOTE, I ASK YOU TO ENVISION A FUTURE WHERE OUR PARLIAMENTS WORK HAND IN HAND, WHERE OUR VOICES RESONATE WITH STRENGTH, AND WHERE OUR SHARED VALUES GUIDE US TO A BRIGHTER TOMORROW. WITH YOUR VOTE, WE CAN MAKE THAT FUTURE A REALITY.**

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