

**Joint Statement on Behalf of A3 (Niger, South Africa and Tunisia)
and
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

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The situation in Somalia

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Tunisia is delivering this statement on behalf of the A3+ 1, Niger, South Africa, Tunisia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

At the outset, we would like to extend our thanks to the Chair of the Somalia sanctions committee for his briefing on the work of the Committee and on the recent field visit he undertook in January 2020 to Somalia.

This visit clearly demonstrates the determination of the international community and the United Nations to continue to support Somalia to achieve stability, development and engage in the reconstruction phase.

The A3 +1 believe that sanctions are not an end in themselves and that they should constitute a tool to assist and support the Somali Government in its stabilization efforts.

We would like to take this opportunity to commend the Somali Federal Government for his determination to hold the elections within their timeline and therefore would like to appeal to all Somali parties to put the national interest above any consideration and fully engage in a constructive dialogue to promote a genuine consensus on building an inclusive Somali State.

We call on the international community to continue to provide all support to the Federal Government of Somalia with the view of enabling it to hold the elections within their timeline, which will open new prospects to the Somali people to lay the foundations of stability and reconstruction.

Thank you