



Tripartite Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kenya,
The Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia,
And the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Signed in Nairobi, Kenya

10 November 2013

Venue: Hotel Intercontinental

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On the occasion of the signing of the Tripartite Agreement governing the voluntary repatriation of Somali refugees living in Kenya, Ambassador Amina C. Mohamed, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Kenya, welcomed Fawzia Yusuf H. Adam, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, of the Federal Republic of Somalia, and Raouf Mazou, Representative, UNHCR Representation in Kenya.

The Tripartite Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of the signatories. The Agreement includes the internationally accepted standards that ensure the voluntary character of the repatriation for Somali refugees wishing to return home.

The Parties agreed that:

- The Tripartite Agreement is the first step in a process that recognizes the voluntary nature of the gradual and phased approach to Somali refugee returns and underscores the need to put in place favorable conditions for their successful repatriation and reintegration;
- The Agreement establishes a Tripartite Commission which will draft an operational plan and provide policy guidance to give effect to the provisions of the Agreement;
- The Tripartite Commission ensures that international protection standards govern the operation of the voluntary return of Somali refugees in Kenya; and

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- The Tripartite Commission will regularly evaluate the progress of the implementation of the Agreement.

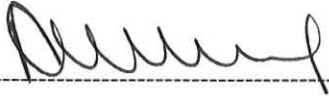
The Parties concluded that:

- The Government of the Republic of Kenya is committed to support the voluntary repatriation of Somali refugees and to protect those who have not yet found a durable solution;
- The Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia is committed to establish a favorable environment whereby refugees can return in safety and dignity; and
- UNHCR and the parties are committed to support Somali refugees who wish to return voluntarily and will collaborate closely with the international community to mobilize resources for the voluntary repatriation and reintegration of Somali refugees.

Nairobi, 10 November 2013

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Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs and
International Trade of the Republic of
Kenya



For the Government of the Republic of
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H.E. Fawzia Yusuf H. Adam

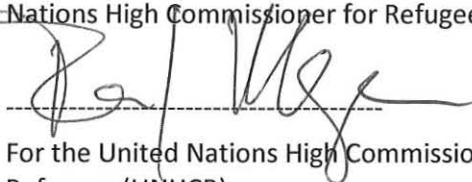
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign
Affairs, of the Federal Republic of Somalia



For the Government of the Federal Republic of
Somalia

Mr. Raouf Mazou

Representative for the Office of the United
Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Kenya



For the United Nations High Commissioner for
Refugees (UNHCR)