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Prime Minister Nur Hassan 'Adde' of Somalia paid a visit to Addis Ababa this week, March 26-28. During his visit, the Prime Minister held extensive discussions with Foreign Minister Seyoum. He also attended the signing ceremony at the AU Headquarters for the Peace Facility Fund given by the Italian Government to the AU. Out of the 40 million Euros of the fund, a significant, if unspecified, amount will be going to support the capacity of the TFG. During his discussions with Minister Seyoum, Prime Minister Nur 'Adde' underlined the commitment of his government to continue with the reconciliation efforts to achieve lasting peace and security in Somalia. The need to reorganize the security institutions of the TFG to meet current challenges in an effective and proper way

was underlined. Minister Seyoum recalled the recent visit he had made to Baidoa to meet the leadership of the TFG, and emphasized the priorities of reconciliation in Benadir, Galgadud and Lower Juba, the need for security sector reform, and the institutional capacity building that still needs to be carried out. More than 35 senior TFG officials who recently completed their training in Bishoftu, Ethiopia, have now returned to Mogadishu strengthening the TFG's capacity in revenue collection and budget management. One of their first jobs has been the presentation of the budget for 2008 to the cabinet. The need to give priority to the establishment of the Benadir Council was also underlined as the Council will have the mandate to endorse the executive body of the Benadir administration now being set up. On reconciliation, it was agreed that consideration must be given to those forces that are ready for peace, and a particular emphasis placed upon progress internally.
