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**Chairman**  
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**Ref: Somali Oil, Gas & Mining Summit 2018 – Nairobi, March 2018**

Dear Mr. Hillary,

It has surprisingly come to my attention that International Research Networks (IRN) is organizing a summit in Nairobi called *Somali Oil, Gas & Mining Summit*, in March 2018. Regrettably, I am writing to clearly inform you that the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources has neither endorsed nor has been involved in any discussion of the stated Summit. It is important to be noted that any global summit or event related to the Somali petroleum & Mineral sector will utterly be initiated and endorsed by the Ministry of Petroleum & Mineral Resources of the Federal Government of Somalia.

As a result, your announcement has created confusion and bewilderment between the Ministry and the oil companies who have been enquiring about the summit. Similarly, many stakeholders in Somalia are inquisitive on the rationale and the purpose of the said summit while knowing that the Petroleum Law and its regulations has yet to be approved by the Lawmakers of the Federal Parliament.

The Ministry has coordinated with all concerned Government officials on this matter and the agreement to halt the announced summit was made.

Therefore, I strongly urge International Research Networks and its organizers to officially withdraw the announcement of the summit with immediate effect.

I am looking forward to receiving your response in accepting the decision made by the Somali Government to rescind the proclaimed summit.

Yours Faithfully,

**H.E .Abdirashid Mohamed Ahmed**

**The Minister of Petroleum & Mineral Resources**

CC: The Prime Minister of the Federal Government of Somalia

