

## **U.S. Embassy, Nairobi, Kenya**

Press Release

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### **The U.S. Congratulates Prime Minister Omar Sharmarke**

The United States government congratulates Omar Sharmarke on his appointment and confirmation as Prime Minister of the Transitional Federal Government. Mr. Sharmarke takes on a momentous task at a critical time in the history of Somalia.

We commend the TFG, under the leadership of President Sharif, for having completed this process in an exemplary manner. We welcome the commitment of the TFG leadership to establish a broad-based government. We will continue to support efforts to achieve peace and stability in Somalia. We urge all Somalis who reject violence, extremism, and terrorism to seize this opportunity to bring about a better future for all Somalis.

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