SOMALI WOMEN PASTORALISTS NETWORK (SAWONET)

COLLECTIVE CALL TO ACTION

Somali Women Deserve Answers. Somali Women Deserve Protection.

25 November 2026

The Somali Women Pastoralists Network (SAWONET) and its member organizations express deep concern over Somalia's vote against the United Nations General Assembly Third Committee draft resolution (A/C.3/81/L.16/Rev.1) on preventing and eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, with particular attention to gender-related killings, including femicide, on 17 November 2026.

With 175 countries voting in favour, six abstaining, and Somalia casting the sole vote against, this decision raises important questions about our country's position on international efforts to protect women and girls.

As a women-led network working with Somali women and girls, including pastoralist, rural, displaced and underserved communities and women and girls with disabilities, we recognize the realities of gender-based violence, female genital mutilation, child and forced marriage, and barriers to justice and protection.

We acknowledge Somalia's sovereign right to express its position in international negotiations. However, decisions affecting women and girls require transparency, accountability and meaningful consultation, consistent with the responsibility to protect their rights, dignity and safety.

Our collective demands

We call upon the Federal Government of Somalia and its Permanent Mission to the United Nations to:

Provide a public explanation of the vote, identifying the specific provisions that informed the decision.

Consult meaningfully with Somali women-led and women's rights organizations before the General Assembly plenary vote.

Reaffirm and demonstrate commitments to prevent violence against women and girls through effective laws, adequate resources, survivor-centred services, protection and access to justice.

Reconsider Somalia's position ahead of the General Assembly plenary vote, with a view to supporting the resolution.

We call on UN Women, the United Nations, international partners, Somali civil society and diaspora communities to support inclusive dialogue and accountability.

Somali women's rights, dignity and safety must never be negotiable. As we mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, we reaffirm our commitment to a Somalia where every woman and girl can live free from violence, fear and discrimination. We stand ready to engage constructively with the Federal Government of Somalia and its Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

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BAYAAN WADAJIR AH

Haweenka Soomaaliyeed Waxay Mudan Yihiin Jawaab iyo Ilaalin

25 Noofambar 2026

Shabakadda Haweenka Xoolo-dhaqatada Soomaaliyeed (SAWONET) iyo ururrada xubnaha ka ah waxay walaac xooggan ka muujinayaan codkii ay Soomaaliya 17-kii Noofambar 2026 kaga soo horjeesatay qaraar qabyo ah (A/C.3/81/L.16/Rev.1) oo Guddiga Saddexaad ee Golaha Guud ee Qaramada Midoobay ku saabsan, kaas oo lagu xoojinayo ka hortagga iyo ciribtirka dhammaan noocyada tacaddiyada ka dhanka ah haweenka iyo gabdhaha, gaar ahaan dilalka ku saleysan jinsiga.

Iyadoo 175 dal ay taageereen, lix dalna ay ka gaabsadeen codbixinta, Soomaaliyana ay noqotay dalka keliya ee ka soo horjeestay, go'aankani wuxuu dhaliyay su'aalo muhiim ah oo ku saabsan mowqifka Soomaaliya ee ilaalinta haweenka iyo gabdhaha.

Annaga oo ah shabakad ay hoggaamiyaan haween, kana shaqeysa xuquuqda haweenka iyo gabdhaha Soomaaliyeed, gaar ahaan kuwa xoolo-dhaqatada ah, miyiga ku nool, barakacayaasha, bulshooyinka aan helin adeegyo ku filan iyo haweenka iyo gabdhaha naafada ah, waxaan garaneynaa caqabadaha tacaddiyada jinsiga ku saleysan, gudniinka gabdhaha, guurka carruurta iyo guurka khasabka ah, iyo caqabadaha helitaanka caddaaladda iyo ilaalinta.

Waxaan aqoonsannahay xaqa Soomaaliya u leedahay inay mowqifkeeda ka dhiibato wada-xaajoodyada caalamiga ah. Hase yeeshee, go'aannada saameeya haweenka iyo gabdhaha waa inay la socdaan daahfurnaan, isla-xisaabtan iyo wadatashi dhab ah, iyadoo la ilaalinayo xuquuqdooda, sharaftooda iyo badbaadadooda.

Baaqeenna Wadajirka ah

Waxaan ugu baaqeynaa Dowladda Federaalka Soomaaliya iyo Ergadeeda Joogtada ah ee Qaramada Midoobay:

Inay si cad u sharaxdo sababaha codkeeda iyo qodobbada ay ka tabaneyso qaraarka.

Inay wadatashi dhab ah la yeelato ururrada ay hoggaamiyaan haweenka Soomaaliyeed iyo ururrada xuquuqda haweenka ka hor codbixinta Golaha Guud.

Inay dib u xaqiijiso oo muujiso ballanqaadkeeda ka hortagga tacaddiyada ka dhanka ah haweenka iyo gabdhaha, iyadoo xoojinaysa sharciyada, qoondaynaysa kheyraad ku filan, isla markaana xaqiijinaysa adeegyada ku saleysan baahiyaha dhibbanayaasha, ilaalinta iyo helitaanka caddaaladda.

Inay dib u eegto mowqifkeeda ka hor codbixinta Golaha Guud ee Qaramada Midoobay, iyadoo ujeeddadu tahay inay taageerto qaraarka.

Waxaan ugu baaqeynaa UN Women, Qaramada Midoobay, bahwadaagta caalamiga ah, bulshada rayidka ah iyo jaaliyadaha Soomaaliyeed inay taageeraan wadahadal loo dhan yahay iyo isla-xisaabtan.

Xuquuqda, sharafta iyo badbaadada haweenka Soomaaliyeed ma aha arrin gorgortan laga geli karo. Inta lagu jiro 16-ka Maalmood ee Ololaha Ka Hortagga Tacaddiyada ku Saleysan Jinsiga, waxaan dib u xaqiijinaynaa ballanqaadkeenna ku aaddan Soomaaliya ay haweeney iyo gabar kastaa ku noolaan karto nolol ka madax bannaan tacaddi, cabsi iyo takoor. Waxaan diyaar u nahay wadahadal wax ku ool ah oo lala yeesho Dowladda Federaalka Soomaaliya iyo Ergadeeda Joogtada ah ee Qaramada Midoobay.

Waxaa soo saartay: Shabakadda Haweenka Xoolo-dhaqatada Soomaaliyeed (SAWONET).

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