

CARDIF CITY COUNCIL MOTION ON INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF SOMALILAND

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Motion

Cardiff is home to a large number of Somaliland people and Somaliland communities have lived here since the 1850s. They play a huge part in the life of the City and many have served honourably in the armed forces, NHS and the merchant navy.

Many Somaliland citizens remain concerned about the international status of Somaliland and are asking the Cardiff Council in its civic role as the Capital City of Wales and as part of its duties under the Equalities Act and as gesture of friendship to this Cardiff community to represent their concerns to the Commonwealth, UK and Welsh Governments.

As such this Council resolves to endorse the recognition of the Republic of Somaliland, which has now operated peacefully with democratic elections for nearly 25 years as an independent republic. We respect the UN concept that recognition should start with the Regional Government body but notes that the African Union has for many years failed to act on its own report recommending recognition.

We therefore call on the UK and Welsh Governments to recognise Somaliland as a sovereign state and in the meantime resolve to fully acknowledge the ties of friendship with Somaliland.

Proposed by: Councillor Thorne
Seconded by: Councillor Weaver

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