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## **Somalia signing the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) charter**

**and formally becoming a member State**

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In his Statement H.E. Abdusalam H. Omer highlighted that Somalia is an important member in the Indian Ocean Region and enjoys strong partnerships with almost all of the IORA member States and through our membership we endeavor to strengthen these further whilst establishing and nurturing new relations with other valuable partners in all areas of mutual interest. The Minister also added that "Somalia as a member State seeks to both contribute and benefit from the partnerships within IORA to advance Somalia's great economic potential both at sea and in land"<sup>[2]</sup>.-----

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