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PUNTLAND GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION OFFICE OF THE STATE MINISTER		

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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Endorsement of Somali Roots' Indoor Swimming and Sports Facility Initiative

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Puntland State of Somalia, is pleased to express its strong support for Somali Roots, a registered non-governmental organization working in Somalia and the United Kingdom. Somali Roots is undertaking a highly impactful initiative to develop a fully off-grid Indoor Swimming and Sports Facility in Garowe, Nugal Region. This facility represents a transformative step forward in promoting inclusive, skills-based physical education in Puntland. The Ministry is particularly encouraged by Somali Roots' commitment to:

Y/ Equitable Access to Physical Education: The facility will enable students—particularly girls and children with disabilities—to safely participate in swimming and sports, fostering health, confidence, and life-saving skills.

v/ Education-integrated Programming: Somali Roots plans to partner with schools and youth groups across Garowe, integrating the swimming facility into the academic calendar, extracurricular activities, and community outreach programs.

✓ Climate-Resilient infrastructure: The project's off-grid design powered by solar energy and borehole water demonstrates a forward-thinking approach to sustainable development in education infrastructure. This initiative directly supports the Ministry's objectives to expand access to inclusive learning environments, improve student wellbeing, and build institutional capacity for comprehensive education services. Somali Roots' leadership, community engagement, and alignment with national education priorities make them a trusted and capable partner. We, therefore, fully endorse Somali Roots' swimming and sports facility initiative and strongly encourage support from development partners, donors, and relevant institutions to ensure its successful implementation and long-term sustainability. For further information or collaboration, the Ministry remains available to engage as needed.

Sincerely,

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