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SOYDEN Press Release

SOYDEN Welcomes Decision of Federal Indirect Electoral Implementation Team (FIEIT) to reject Somali Regional Authorities Nomination lists For Upper House List without Women's Representation

On behalf of Somali youth, SOYDEN welcomes the efforts of the Somali Federal member states to abide by the rules of the electoral process and meet the deadlines for submitting their respective nominations for upper house representation.

However SOYDEN also underlines the importance of strictly adhering to the rules fully to ensure that Somali Women quota are respected and women are nominated for the Upper House by the respective federal member state executives on 8 and 9 October.

SOYDEN also applauds the Southwest Administration to reserve two seats for Somali women as courageous and admirable steps in the social and political inclusion of women in the Indirect Federal Electoral Process in Somalia.

SOYDEN further notes the heroic decision by the Federal Indirect Electoral Implementation Team (FIEIT) to ask Somali Federal Member States Nomination lists for Upper House List without Women's Representation to review their upper house nomination for the reasons of ensuring Somali women representations.

At this critical time of election fever, SOYDEN calls on all Somali people to exercise patience, hold on to their faith strongly and pray for smoother and peaceful electoral process.

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