

MOGADISHO, Somalia, September 17 (Infosplusgabon) - Somalia's international partners have welcomed the orderly election of state president for HirShabelle region.

The United Nations, African Union, European Union and Inter-Governmental Authority on Development, Ethiopia, Italy, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States have congratulated Mohamed Abdi Ware on his election as President of HirShabelle in a vote held by the HirShabelle regional assembly on Saturday.

According to an official statement issued here on Sunday, voting took place in an open and public process.

“International partners welcome the conducting of the elections in an orderly manner according to the applicable legal framework. They continue to urge all parties to respect the outcome of the voting in the regional assembly and refrain from any actions that could undermine the consolidation of the state-building process,” it added.

Briefing the United Nations Security Council on Wednesday, Michael Keating, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia, mentioned Hirshabelle region among issues currently creating strains in relations between state institutions.

He said that part of Somalia's challenges related to politicians and power brokers using opportunities to advance their own clan interests or personal ambitions, using tools such as threats of impeachment and motions of no confidence.

FIN/INFOSPLUSGABON/IOK/GABON 2017

© Copyright Infosplusgabon