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The United States Commends the Federal Government of Somalia's Efforts to Promote al-Shabaab Defections

The United States commends the efforts of the Federal Government of Somalia to facilitate the defections of former and current al-Shabaab members. The United States supports a Somali-led process of degrading al-Shabaab's influence using a comprehensive approach, including through high-level defections, reconciliation, and improved governance and service delivery. The United States encourages the Somali government to continue to create pathways for al-Shabaab members to reject terrorism and join efforts to build a peaceful and prosperous country for all Somalis.

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