

Financial Governance Committee: Summary of Meeting Discussions

56th Meeting – 07 November 2022

Public Procurement and Concessions: The Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources briefed the meeting about the developments on the seven PSAs signed with Coastline and the subsequent amendments made to the contract. The Minister highlighted the approval of the Tender Protocol, plans to enact the Extractive Industries Income Tax Bill and important oil and gas regulations as well as Federal Government's commitment of holding a competitive licensing round once all necessary requirements are in place. FGC stressed the importance of transparency in the award of oil and gas contracts and is always committed to providing necessary and constructive advice to the Ministry of Petroleum.

The meeting took a note on the progress made towards securing the technical assistance for the passport contract tendering process as well as preparations on advertising the security sector rations tenders.

Central Bank governance and financial sector reforms: The Central Bank of Somalia (CBS) Governor updated the meeting about CBS's continued efforts to undertake financial sector reforms and the support of the country's financial sector including the development and the automation of the national payment system, account standardization for cross border payment by introducing the IBAN system and further integration between the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance and extending the CBS services across the country. The CBS is also working on finalizing and enacting vital legislations for financial sector reforms including the National Payment Bill and Insurance Bill as well as amending the Financial Institutions Law and The CBS Law. The meeting took a note on the CBS achievements and agreed to prepare an advisory note on Central Bank and Financial Sector Reform to reflect on progress and lessons learned.