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**Letter dated 9 January 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

In my capacity as the Chair of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), I have the honour to transmit herewith the OIC General Secretariat statement expressing solidarity with the Federal Republic of Somalia, issued on 4 January 2024 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sidi **Mohamed Laghdaf**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 9 January 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Mauritania to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation General Secretariat expresses solidarity with the Federal Republic of Somalia, stresses need to respect its sovereignty and territorial integrity**

Against the backdrop of its commitment to respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States in accordance with the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and international law, and following the signing of a memorandum of understanding for partnership and cooperation between the Federal Republic of Ethiopia and Somaliland on 1 January 2024, the General Secretariat of OIC expressed rejection of any act violating the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Somalia.

The General Secretariat renewed the solidarity of OIC with the Federal Republic of Somalia and stressed the need to respect its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to safeguard security, peace and stability in the region.

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