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To Whom It May Concern:

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), the global body of journalists representing more than 600,000 members in 141 countries, hereby confirms that the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ) is a bone fide full member of the IFJ.

Mr. Omar Faruk Osman is the Secretary General of NUSOJ. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the IFJ, democratically elected by IFJ World Congress. Furthermore, Mr. Osman is the Secretary General of the Eastern Africa Journalists Association (EAJA).

IFJ is aware of a UN classified report about Mr. Osman which has been circulated by persons who want to malign and vilify Mr. Osman. IFJ is convinced that this report is baseless and is not based on facts. It is now being used to maliciously damage Osman's reputation.

IFJ can also confirm that NUSOJ and its Secretary General Omar Faruk Osman have been victims of systematic suppression and stigmatization by the Somali government.



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