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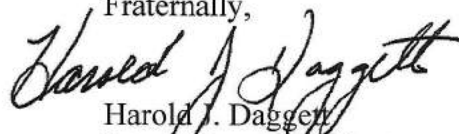
Dear President Nour and Vice President Hassan:

On behalf of tens of thousands of members of the International Longshoremen's Association, we extend congratulations to the Somali Public Trade Unions (SPTU) on your request for formal affiliation into the International Dockers' Council. As President of ILA members working at ports in the United States and Canada on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, U.S. and Canadian Great Lake Ports; Eastern Canada and Puerto Rico, we extend a warm welcome and pledge our solidarity with the more than one hundred SPTU members working at Somalia's Mogadishu Sea Port; Barawe Sea Port; Kismayo Sea Port and Sosanso Sea Port.

Our ILA was strengthened by our affiliation with the IDC, as the dockers in your union will come to understand. No employer in any country around the world can break the solid bonds of solidarity that exists among all affiliates of the IDC – WE ARE DOCKERS UNITED! At the southern-most point of the continent of Africa, the Indian Ocean meets the Atlantic Ocean, symbolizing the connection, via shipping lanes, that our two docker unions share. Most importantly, we are joined by the work we perform; by our duty to protect the lives and livelihoods of our members and now, by our mutual affiliation with the International Dockers Council. WE WILL NEVER WALK ALONE AGAIN!

My son, Dennis Daggett serves beside me as ILA International Executive Vice President. He also holds the esteemed title of IDC General Coordinator. The SPTU can be certain of the full support of the International Longshoremen's Association, and we will be honored to welcome you into the IDC.

Fraternally,

  
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