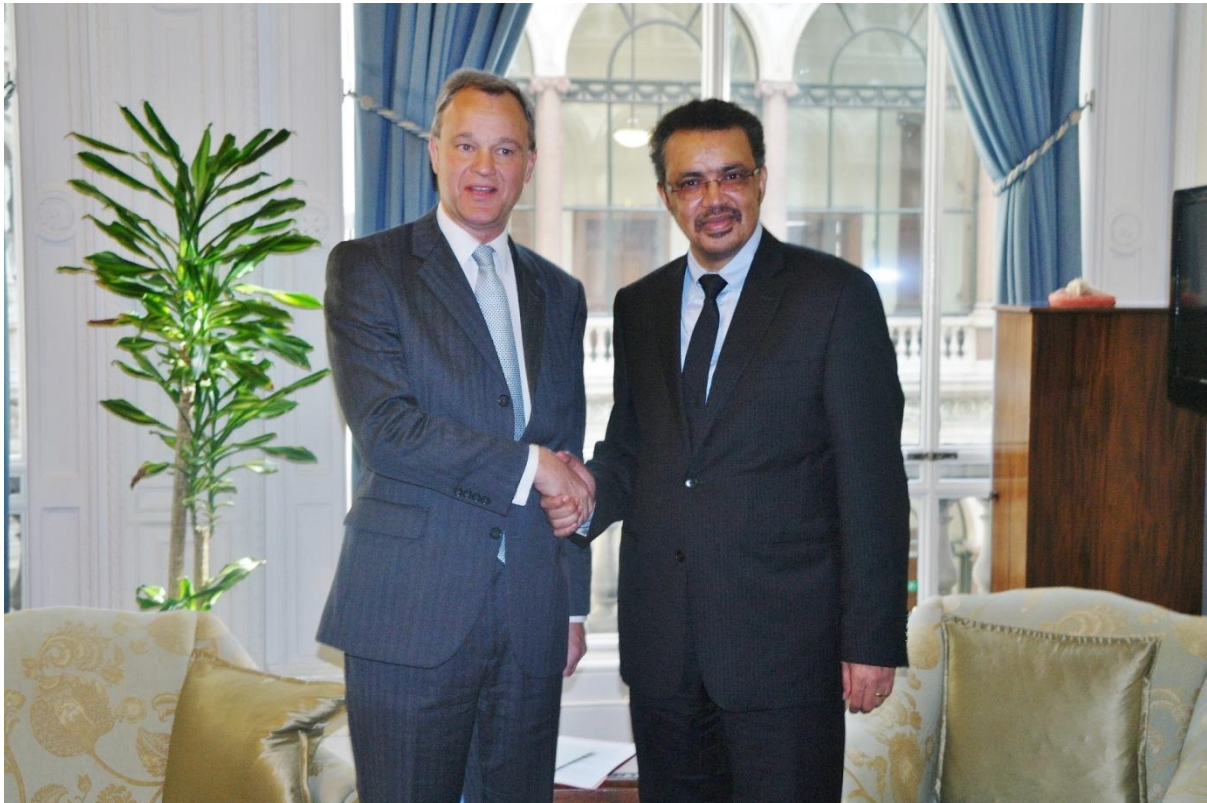


Dr. Tedros Meets with UK Minister for Africa

13th May 2013

Ethiopian Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom, met and held talks with the UK Minister for Africa, Mr. Mark Simmonds MP.

Dr. Tedros briefed the Minister on the situation in Somalia, Sudan and the sub-region as well as the outcomes of the recent IGAD summit and Ministerial meeting.



Dr. Tedros underlined the need to support the political process in Somalia focusing on the priorities set by the government to consolidate peace and stability. Ethiopia and the regional grouping IGAD are working in tandem with the Government of Somalia which now has made significant headway in many areas.

The Foreign Minister emphasized on the urgent need for mobilizing resources and support to help the Somali government in the fight against Al-Shabaab and provide social services and build confidence among the general public.

The recent Somalia Conference held in London on 7th May committed around £130 million to help Somalia create a more peaceful and secure future.

Dr. Tedros congratulated the Minister on the success of the conference which brought together over 55 delegations from across the world. The conference endorsed the Somali government plan for developing the country's armed forces, police, justice and public financial management system, pivotal for tackling poverty and the root causes of

humanitarian disasters, migration, terrorism and piracy as well as improving security and stability.

Africa Minister, Mr. Simmonds, on his part appreciated Ethiopia's participation and contribution to the Somalia Conference and commended Ethiopia's efforts for peace and stability in the region. He reiterated gratitude for its contribution and support for the government of Somalia alongside other IGAD member countries.

Mr. Simmonds expressed appreciation for Ethiopia's development efforts and the excellent partnership and bilateral relations between the two countries.

Dr. Tedros highlighted how the multi-faceted UK development aid to Ethiopia is put to use in health and other sectors and expressed gratefulness to the people and government of Great Britain for their support to Ethiopia's commitment for sustainable development.

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