

## Somalia

### Outstanding Political Issues & Proposed Solutions

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The following table highlights political differences between the **Federal Government of Somalia (FGS)** and the **opposition represented by the Somali Future Council (SFC)** on current transition issues. As the end of the legal mandate for the current government draws near, reaching a political agreement on the following issues is necessary to move the country forward.

#	Issues	Federal Government of Somalia (FGS)	Somali Future Council	Proposed Solution
1	<b>Provisional Constitution</b>	Parliament passed constitutional amendments to the 2012 provisional constitution	Amendments to the constitution by the FGS were politically motivated, exclusive and not transparent.	Establish inclusive constitutional review conference.
2	<b>Federalism</b>	FGS sees federal system as impediment of progress and violates federal laws in favor of unitary style of management.	Respect federal laws as the law of the land, the devolution of power and sharing of resources between the FGS, regional member states and local municipalities.	Improve Federalism by establishing Independent Commission to review and propose solutions to the current structure & impediments to national cohesion.
3	<b>Mandate</b>	The mandate for the President and members of Parliament under the amended constitution is 5 years which ends on April 14 or May 15, 2027, respectively.	Mandate for the president and members of parliament under the 2012 constitution is 4 years. Therefore, term of president and members of parliament conclude on April 14, or May 15, 2026.	A two-year term extension for President & Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Executive PM</li> <li>• Shared inclusive Cabinet</li> <li>• Complete constitution &amp; legal electoral processes</li> <li>• Establish good governance and corruption free environment</li> <li>• Hold 1-person 1-vote elections by March 31, 2028</li> </ul> For more details see the full proposal <a href="http://www.somtransition.com">www.somtransition.com</a>
4	<b>Presidential v. Parliamentary</b>	Amendments to the constitution include change to a presidential system with president and vice president	Maintain the parliamentary system in accordance with the 2012 constitution.	Political agreement must be reached on a transitional framework based on the 2012 constitution
5	<b>Political Parties</b>	FGS proposed a 2-party system	More than two political parties are necessary.	Five-party system nationally and multiple parties locally
6	<b>Electoral Process</b>	Government established national independent and boundaries commission with eighteen members	Members of the election commission were selected by the FGS and are not transparent, neutral or independent	Establish a new inclusive, transparent, independent commission.
7	<b>Election method</b>	Government proposed one-person one-vote (universal suffrage) system.	One-person one vote system of elections is ideal, but the government needs to create necessary conditions such as security, election laws, constitutional courts to ensure safe and fair elections.	Create necessary conditions and legal and security structures to attain universal suffrage /1 person-1 vote elections.
8	<b>Local Council</b>	The government created a process of electing local council members throughout the country starting in Mogadishu	Local council election process is fine but should be inclusive, transparent, and neutral.	Enhance local council elections with transparency, accountability and oversight.
9	<b>Panic Zone</b>	FGS continues its operations according to the 2026 constitutional amendment with a new term mandate extending till May 15, 2027.	According to opposition, the mandate for this government will conclude on May 15, 2026.	Somalia needs emergency political agreement and compromise before the end of the mandate.
10	<b>Political Agreement</b>	Parliament extended mandate and there is no need for political agreement	Political agreement must be reached by the FGS and SFC before May 15, 2026, or parallel systems and political clashes will occur	Political agreement must be reached before <b>May 15, 2026.</b>

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