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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,
President of the 66th Session of the General Assembly,
on the deadly attack in Mogadishu, Somalia**

Statement attributable to the spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, condemns in the strongest possible terms the violent attack on the Jazeera Hotel in Mogadishu, Somalia, in which some Somalis and soldiers from the African Union Mission in Somalia, (AMISOM,) have been killed.

President Al-Nasser expresses his deepest sympathies and condolences to the families and Governments of the victims of this attack.

This deplorable attack, which took place as the newly-elected President of Somalia, His Excellency Professor Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, held a meeting with the visiting Kenyan Foreign Minister, His Excellency Professor Samuel Ogeri, violates international law. The President of the General Assembly underlines the need to bring those responsible for this attack to justice.

Recalling his solidarity joint visit with the UN Secretary-General to Somalia last December 2011, the President of the UN General Assembly urges all Member States and the international community to intensify their support to the fledgling administration in Mogadishu and to the people of Somalia who have been seeking peace and security for many decades.