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Speech by H.E. Hamza Abdi Barre, At the Reception Marking 65th
Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Somalia and People's
Republic of China
Mogadishu – December 16, 2025.

*Your Excellency the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

It is a great honour to join you this afternoon.
I thank the Embassy of the People's Republic of China for the warm
invitation and gracious hospitality.

Today, we gather to celebrate a truly historic milestone.
Sixty-five years of diplomatic relations between the Federal Republic of
Somalia and the People's Republic of China.

This is an important anniversary. A testament to the enduring friendship
between our two peoples.
A friendship built on mutual respect, sovereignty and shared
understanding.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1960, Somalia and
China have stood together through changing times.
Through moments of progress and moments of challenge.
Through regional and global transformation.

Over these six and a half decades, China has remained a trusted partner of
Somalia. A partner that respects Somalia's independence.
A partner that supports our national priorities.
And a partner that believes in Somalia's future.



Our cooperation has been practical and impactful.
It has supported infrastructure development.
It has strengthened health, education, public services and capacity building.
And it has responded to humanitarian needs during difficult moments.

Only last week, China announced one million US dollars in support for drought-affected communities in Somalia.
This timely gesture reflects solidarity, compassion and a sense of commitment to the wellbeing of the Somali people.

These contributions have touched the lives of ordinary Somalis.
They have strengthened institutions.
And they have reinforced hope.

I also recall with great appreciation my recent visit to the People's Republic of China.
It was a productive and forward-looking visit.
It reaffirmed the strength of our bilateral relations.
And it opened new avenues for cooperation in development, trade and investment, grounded in mutual respect and shared benefit.

Today, Somalia is moving forward with renewed confidence.
We are strengthening governance.
We are advancing security and reconciliation.
We are implementing economic and social reforms.
And we are rebuilding the foundations of a modern and resilient state.

In this journey, partnerships matter.
Not just any partnerships—but partnerships based on equality and mutual benefit. This is the spirit that defines Somalia–China relations.



As we look to the future, we see even greater opportunities for cooperation.

In trade and investment.

In infrastructure and connectivity.

In technology, skills transfer and human capital development.

And in peace and stability for our region.

Somalia values China's continued engagement.

We value cooperation that supports national ownership.

And we welcome partnerships that contribute to long-term development and shared prosperity.

On this important occasion, I wish to reaffirm Somalia's commitment to further deepening our bilateral relations with the People's Republic of China.

We look forward to expanding cooperation.

We look forward to stronger people-to-people ties.

And we look forward to a future shaped by friendship and mutual success.

As we celebrate sixty-five years of diplomatic relations, let us also look ahead with optimism.

Let us build on what has been achieved.

And let us work together for peace, development and prosperity for our two nations.

Once again, I thank the Embassy of the People's Republic of China for hosting this reception.

I congratulate both our countries on this historic anniversary.

And I wish continued friendship between the peoples of Somalia and China. Thank you.