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NO ILO WAREHOUSE LOOTED IN BURHAKABA

Nairobi, Kenya, 14th October, 2008: The article run on the AFP website on **Sunday, Oct 12, at 6:13 AM ET**, stating gunmen stormed a warehouse run by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) office in southern Somalia and stole construction equipment contained elements not correct.

Whilst the robbery of the said property may have happened, the ownership of the same should not have been attributed to ILO.

ILO works closely with the local communities building community driven, local administration managed interventions enabling the community and the administration to be empowered to take over the projects as a sustainability measure. In this particular instance, the project including any storage facility and all the tools were handed over to the people of Burhakaba in the form of the district council after the closure of this phase in the project at the end of August 2008.

The other incorrect fact applies to the statement attributed to the “ILO spokesperson” as ILO does not have any personnel on the ground least of all a spokesperson to corroborate any stories.

AFP did not contact the ILO offices in a bid to substantiate facts and check the story generated in Burhabaka before it was published. The information published was therefore misinformed and lacking substantiation.

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