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**UN Special Representative welcomes Sheik Sharif's
return to Mogadishu**

Nairobi, 10 December 2008 – UN Special Representative for Somalia Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah welcomed the return of Chairman of the Alliance of the Re-liberation of Somalia (ARS) Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed to Mogadishu this morning after an absence of almost two years.

“This return of Sheik Sharif to Mogadishu is a most welcome development,” Mr. Ould-Abdallah said.

During this period of Eid Al Adah, Mr. Ould-Abdallah once again calls on all Somalis, whatever their particular political or other affiliations, to finally agree on promoting reconciliation, security, unity and dignity.

“I encourage all Somali leaders, in this holy period, to put aside their differences and to allow the peace process to continue,” he said.

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