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### **Abstract**

## **Legality of Israel's Recognition of Somaliland and its Implication for Peace and Security of the Horn of Africa**

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Israel officially recognized Somaliland as an independent sovereign state on December 26, 2025. This recognition has created a significant diplomatic rift among key actors in the geopolitical configuration of the Horn of Africa. Somalia condemned the move as a violation of its sovereignty and the UN Charter, while several other states have characterized it as an infringement of article 2(4). Furthermore, various authorities perceive Israel's recognition of Somaliland as a threat to the peace and security of the region. This paper examines whether Israel's recognition constitutes a violation of the UN Charter and analyzes its broader implications. The article concludes that Israel's recognition of Somaliland is substantiated by international law, and its ultimate impact on the Horn of Africa remains dependent on the strategic responses of Red Sea actors.

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