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The Future Prospects for Somali Foreign Relations: An Analysis of the Post-Transitional Period

Overview

From 1960-1991, Somalia's foreign relations evolved through dynamic shifts, reflecting changes in alliances and strategic positioning. After the government's collapse in 1991, Somalia faced setbacks with no stable diplomatic framework. The formation of the Federal Government in 2012 marked a turning point in rebuilding its connections and restoring diplomatic ties.

Research Question

What factors are influencing Somalia's foreign relations since 2012, and what are the potential outcomes for future stability and growth?

Discussion

There are both challenges that hinder and opportunities that promote the growth of Somali foreign relations. These challenges include internal and clan divisions, security concerns, economic dependence, and environmental issues. The opportunities lie in Somalia's geostrategic location, regional integration, international support for state-building, and diaspora engagement.

Conclusion

Although internal and external challenges often hinder progress, effectively leveraging Somalia's strategic location and diaspora networks can help create strong partnerships and support more resilient diplomatic ties.

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