



1.4 The Role of The European Union (EU) in Promoting Regional Integration, Sustainable Development, and Conflict Resolution in Somalia

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the role of the European Union in fostering regional integration, sustainable development, and conflict resolution in Somalia. Using a qualitative research approach and documentary review, the study assesses EU interventions and the challenges faced. The EU's role in promoting regional integration is manifested through its support for the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), facilitation of political dialogue, and enhancement of economic ties and trade. In sustainable development, EU efforts include supporting agriculture and food security, improving water and sanitation access, promoting renewable energy, and strengthening governance institutions. For conflict resolution, the EU supports political reconciliation, provides humanitarian and development aid, and backs regional peacekeeping efforts. Despite these contributions, the EU's role is constrained by Somalia's political instability, weak governance structures, limited resources, and cultural and ethnic fragmentation. The study recommends strengthening political engagement, increasing financial support, focusing on security sector reform, promoting job creation, and enhancing regional cooperation to amplify the EU's positive impact on Somalia's stability and development trajectory.

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