**Women’s role in Somaliland’s peace and political reform process (1993)**

**Background on Somaliland’s Peace and Political Reform Process (1992)**

The Grand Conference on National Reconciliation in Borama was initiated in 1992, with the aim of ending the large-scale violence in the then newly self-declared Republic of Somaliland. The Conference did not manage to cease all hostilities between the clans, however, the process was successful in transitioning Somaliland from a military to a civilian government, institutionalizing the political system, and demobilizing large parts of the militias.

**Women’s Influence**

![Graph showing women’s influence](image)

**Women’s Inclusion in the Process**

- **Women’s organizations** led and participated in demonstrations and protests to pressure the clans to sign the ceasefire and end the conflict.
- **Women’s targeted advocacy for peace and reconciliation** reached the attention of the clan elders, and 17 women joined talks as observers, which was a first.

**Negotiations between Somaliland’s clans in Borama**

- **No women among the 180 voting delegates**
- **17 women observers** from 11 women’s organizations (out of 2,000 observers)

**Presented demands related to peace among the women, the opposition of the process**

**Women’s Achievements in the Process**

- **Women’s groups** organized and participated in demonstrations and protests to pressure the clans to sign the ceasefire and end the conflict.
- **Women observers** attended discussions in the clan, in which they presented demands in the form of speeches, poems, pamphlets, and songs.

**Factors Enabling Women’s Influence**

- Empowering women’s groups
- Mass action
- Clearing recognition of women’s role
- Guerrilla advocacy and pressure tactics

**Factors Constraining Women’s Influence**

- Ethnic selection criteria and practices
- Patriarchal attitudes and societal expectations around women roles
- Lack of decision-making power as observers

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