**Women’s role in the Somalia National Peace Conference (Arta, 2000)**

**BACKGROUND ON THE SOMALIA NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE (ARTA, 2000)**

The Somali National Peace Conference held in Arta, Gibboul, in 2000 was one of the most inclusive since the collapse of the state and the outbreak of war in 1991. Society, clan elders, and politicians agreed on a Transitional Charter for the country. However, the Transitional National Government was only able to gain authority over one part of the country, fighting continued, and the agreement was never fully implemented.

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- International policy debate
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