## Exhibit 39

September 2014 Pentagon Statement

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Statement from Pentagon Press Secretary Rear Admiral John Kirby on Ahmed Godane

**Press Operations** 

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"We have confirmed that Ahmed Godane, the co-founder of al-Shabaab, has been killed. The U.S. military undertook operations against Godane on Sept. 1, which led to his death. Removing Godane from the battlefield is a major symbolic and operational loss to al-Shabaab. The United States works in coordination with its friends, allies and partners to counter the regional and global threats posed by violent extremist organizations."