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**Intervention of H.E. Ambassador Yusuf Mohamed Ismail Bari-Bari during the 17th
Session of the UPR-WG: Review of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

Dziękuję (Jan-Kuu-Ja) Pania Prezydenta (Thank you Mr. President in Polish Language).

At the outset, I would like to very warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia headed by H.E. Minister Bandar Bin Mohamed Aliban, President of the Human Rights Commission, and to express our utmost appreciation for the comprehensive statement, and sincerely congratulate them for their second National Report, which we understand to be a product of a broad and inclusive consultative process. My delegation commends the valuable participation of the Kingdom in its second cycle of UPR and in particular the proactive engagement of the Distinguished Ambassador H.E. Mr. Faisal Hassan Trad.

Having carefully studied the review documents before us, and after listening carefully to the presentation made by the distinguished delegation of the Kingdom this morning, Somalia fully recognize that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has maintained a high priority in regard of the promotion and protection of human rights.

My delegation notes with interest the policy of harmonization pursued by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia between the human rights principles enshrined in the genuine Islamic Sharia Law and the International Human Rights Law. The acceptance of 50 recommendations of the Working Group during its first cycle of UPR on 10 June 2009, the accession to five international instruments and six regional instruments and the promulgation of more than nine major legislative enactments is a further proof.

The advancement of women's rights in the Kingdom in particular in the political and higher education domains speaks for itself. Somalia commends the rationale behind the reform program «Tatweer» of the education system and the significant budget that has been allocated to it.

We recommend that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia continue to:

- 1) Cooperate with other states in order to tackle the main root causes that attract the youngsters to the so-called *jihadism* namely the provision of their socio-economic and cultural rights;
- 2) ~~Enhance and~~ Exchange with other states its successful experience in the field of rehabilitation of surrenders, suspected and/or imprisoned persons for terrorism;

3) Strengthen efforts to ensure the rights of migrants.

Thanks to our close historical ties, Somalia is looking forward to extend its excellent bilateral cooperation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia also in the field of institutional capacity building with a particular focus on the promotion and protection of human rights – *inter alia* – the socio economic development and cultural rights.

Mr. **President**, the achievements of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the promotion and protection of human rights need to be recognized during its second cycle of UPR.

We sincerely wish all the very best to the brotherly people of Saudi Arabia!

I thank you all for your kind attention.