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Brazil welcomes the delegation of Somalia to the second cycle of the UPR and thanks it for its national report.

We would like to note relevant advances for the protection of human rights in Somalia, since its last UPR review, such as the ratification of important international human rights instruments. Brazil appreciates Somalia's accession to the CRC and to the ILO Convention on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

We also welcome the adoption of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Human Rights Roadmap for Somalia.

While these are clear signs of commitment to human rights and to the rule of law, there are also significant challenges. Brazil would like, therefore, to make the following recommendations:

I) Step up efforts to implement the Action Plan for the Human Rights Roadmap for Somalia, as well as to reduce and prevent violence against women;

II) Reinforce government control over the activities and personnel of private military and/or security companies, in order to strengthen the rule of law and respect for human rights by all relevant actors.