

*Statement by the Republic of Cyprus on*

***Somalia***

Mr. President,

Firstly, allow me to express our condolences to the Government and the people of Somalia for yesterday's attack and reiterate that we condemn terrorism in all its forms.

Mr. President,

We welcome the participation of the Federal Republic of Somalia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR Cycle and commend the country's authorities for the national report submitted as well as for the presentation before us today.

Our delegation recognizes the challenges that Somalia is currently facing and encourages its authorities to accelerate its efforts towards the full implementation of its international human rights obligations.

In this regard, Cyprus has the following recommendations:

1. Take all necessary measures towards acceding to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
2. Ensure that perpetrators of all terrorist attacks are brought to justice.
3. Take all appropriate action in order to combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.

I thank you.