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SOMALIA

STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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The Czech Republic warmly welcomes the delegation of Somalia. (We appreciate the response to some of our advance questions).

We have the following **recommendations**:

We **recommend** Somalia to adopt concrete measures to end, as a matter of priority, the enrollment of children in armed forces, including ratifying and implementing the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Second, we **recommend** that Somalia promote equal participation of all citizens in political and public affairs and adopt legislation regulating the establishment and functioning of political parties.

Third, we **recommend** taking concrete measures ensuring the freedom of expression, independence of the media, protection of journalists, and adopting legislative and other measures to prevent censorship.

And finally, the Czech Republic **recommends** Somalia stepping up efforts to ensure accountability and fight impunity and, among other steps in this regard, ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.

Thank you.