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Review of Somalia

Intervention by Greece

Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of Somalia and despite the difficulties and the many obstacles yet to be overcome, to congratulate it on the progress achieved in the field of human rights, since its first review.

As it is evident from the National Report, we would like to highlight progress in different areas and welcome in particular:

- The acceptance of 155 recommendations following its first review in 2011
- The ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- The establishment of the National Gender Policy and of the Ministry of Women and Human Rights to manage women affairs at the Cabinet level
- The compliance of the Human Rights Commission Bill (HRCB) with the international human rights standards, especially with the Paris principles
- The commitment of the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) to the creation of secure working conditions for journalists and in ensuring accountability for the killings, acts of violence and intimidation against journalists.

We would like to submit the following recommendations:

- **To undertake specific legal reforms for the promotion of non-discrimination and gender equality**
- **To establish a moratorium in view of abolishing the death penalty**
- **To intensify the implementation of the action plan addressing the alarming levels of sexual violence against women**
- **To address effectively the issue of murders and harassment of journalists, media workers and professionals,**
- **To further promote the country's economic recovery, through reducing poverty and considerably improve infrastructure in service delivery**
- **To take steps to address gender imbalance in education**

Thank you Mr President