

Italian intervention

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Somalia, and thank them for their presentation and national report.

Italy praises the Government of Somalia for the progress made in the state-building process and in the implementation of the Human Rights Road Map since the first UPR cycle, despite the fragile post-conflict situation in the country.

Italy encourages the Government of Somalia to pursue its efforts to ensure the effective protection of fundamental human rights and freedoms, stressing in particular the crucial role played by a free and independent press in the promotion of the democratic values.

Italy would like to make the following recommendations:

- Introduce a moratorium on capital executions, with a view to abolish the death penalty.
- Modify the penal code to legally prohibit all forms of FGM. Complement punitive measures with awareness-raising and educational activities. Consider developing an action plan to intensify efforts for the eradication of FGM.
- Ratify the Optional Protocols to CRC and strengthen the legal framework in line with the provisions of CRC. Strengthen efforts to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children.
- Sign and ratify CEDAW and CRPD.
- Enhance efforts to ensure effective implementation of international commitments and existing legislation to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women and girls, including sexual abuse and child early and forced marriage. Adopt measures to support victims of sexual abuse and bring perpetrators to justice.
- Adopt a national policy to end discrimination against persons with disabilities and support their social integration, including of persons with mental health problems.

Thank you.