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Recommendations by Canada for the Federal Republic of Somalia's UPR

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Somalia:

1. Take clear steps to ensure that Somali security forces (and militias under its purview) comply with international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including by integrating human rights training into security sector reform programs.
2. Address widespread impunity - including for attacks against journalists, civil society and human rights defenders, women and LGBTI persons - by conducting timely and impartial investigations, investigating threats of violence, and prosecuting perpetrators.
3. Establish and respect a moratorium on the application of the death penalty in Somalia, in accordance with its 2011 UPR commitment.
4. Prohibit the widespread practice of female genital mutilation/cutting in Somalia, including by amending the penal code to ban the practice and bringing legislation into conformity with Article 15(4) of the Provisional Constitution.
5. Take further steps to protect children, including by implementing the 2014 Child Protection Act, by finalizing the ratification the Convention of the Rights of the Child and taking steps to ratify its Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, and by implementing the 2012 action plans to prevent the recruitment and use of child soldiers by the Somali National Army and allied militias.

Observations

Canada welcomes Somalia's commitment to achieving peace and state-building objectives as outlined in the Somali Compact, including implementation of a federal state structure, constitutional review and elections in 2016.

Canada encourages Somalia to ensure the state-building process is inclusive and reflects the views of women and girls, and that women are encouraged to participate actively in political processes, including as voters and candidates in upcoming elections.