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**Statement delivered by South Africa**  
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**Review of Somalia**

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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the delegation of Somalia to this UPR Session and thanks the delegation for the presentation of its national report.

South Africa welcomes the National Human Right Roadmap and Action Plan designed to ensure the full implementation of fundamental human rights and freedoms. South Africa encourages support from the international community to ensure that this action plan is mainstreamed into existing support frameworks, such as the Peace and State-building Goals.

South Africa encourages Somalia to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfillment of all human rights, including the Right to Development and recommends the following:

- 1) To place a moratorium on the death penalty; and
- 2) To strengthen efforts at maintaining an efficient, impartial and independent judiciary as a critical pillar in the administration of justice

We wish Somalia a very successful review during this Session.

I thank you.