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Statement by Armenia

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Somalia and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We welcome the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2015. We note the challenges Somalia faces in the promotion of the rights of the child, including the right of the child to education. We welcome the initiatives the government has taken so far to increase the enrolment rate for children, as well as to increase the number of girls at school. We encourage Somalia to step up efforts in this regard.

We also note the challenges to promote the right to health, including limited access to health care services and the need to renew the infrastructure. We welcome that the government, in cooperation with UN agencies has designed and is implementing the Somali Joint Health and Nutrition Programme 2012-2016.

We have two recommendations for Somalia:

- 1) To accede to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,
- 2) To take measures to promote and protect the right to health, including through ensuring access to health care services.