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**Statement by the Delegations of Somalia,**

**H.E. Ebyan Mahamed SALAH, Ambassador and Permanent Representative**

**at the Review of** **the Republic of Austria, during the 37th Session of the UPR Working Group on Thursday, January 25 2021 from 14:30:00 PM to 18:00 PM, in the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations in Geneva (Speaker Number 55, Time: 1:05 Seconds)**

**Thank you, Madam President.**

Somalia warmly welcomes the delegation of **the Republic of Rwanda** and thank them for their presentation of the National Report.

My delegation appreciates Rwanda's efforts to improve the human rights situation in the country, specially, dedicating an entire chapter to the protection of human rights in the Constitution. My delegation is also pleased to note that, Rwanda has strengthened its national human rights institutions **by providing them with the necessary financial and legal frameworks.**

Somalia appreciates Rwanda’s continued efforts to host many refugees and asylum seekers from within African Countries.

To further improve the situation, Somalia recommends:

1. Take the necessary steps to enforce the law, to combat human trafficking by enhancing law enforcement agencies.

2. Implement adequate safeguards against suicide in detention centers.

3. Ensure that the detainees have access to legal counsel.

We wish Rwanda a successful UPR review.

I thank you Chair.