Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

UPR38– Somalia

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Thank you, President,

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Somalia and thanks it for its National Report.

We are deeply concerned about the current political situation in the country and recognise outstanding human rights challenges faced by Somalia. Lithuania wishes to offer Somalia the following recommendations:

* first, to ratify the *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women* (CEDAW) and the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict* (OPAC).
* second, to finalise the establishment of the *Human Rights Commission* and to make it operational, independent and effective.
* third, to investigate the attacks against, and harassment of, journalists and media workers and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice in fair trials.

Lithuania wishes Somalia a successful review.