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**Recommendations by Canada for Somalia’s UPR**

Thank you, Madam President.

Canada applauds efforts by Somalia to adopt an inclusive state-building process reflecting the views of women and girls.

Canada recommends that Somalia:

1. End impunity for attacks against journalists, civil society and human rights defenders, women and LGBTI persons - by conducting timely and impartial investigations, prosecuting perpetrators and ending military trials of journalists.
2. Take steps to help increase women’s participation in all branches and levels of government, whether in elected or appointed positions, in line with the *Somali Women’s Charter*.
3. Protect women and girls from sexual and gender-based violence, including by adopting the Sexual Offences Bill submitted to Parliament in 2020, amending the penal code to ban female genital mutilation, and bringing legislation into conformity with Article 15(4) of the Provisional Constitution.
4. Finalize the Somali constitution and establish a constitutional court that promotes and protects human rights in line with international standards and principles.