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Liechtenstein welcomes the distinguished delegation of Somalia and wishes to thank for the information provided in the introductory statement and in the national report.

In a constructive spirit, Liechtenstein recommends that Somalia

1. Accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, with a view to abolishing the death penalty,

2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the involvement of children in armed conflict

3. Take effective steps to eliminate all forms of sexual and gender-based violence, including rape, conflict-related violence, FGM as well as early and forced marriage, and ensure justice to survivors, including by combatting impunity for such violations as well as by providing survivors with holistic support and assistance,

4. Take effective steps to create an enabling environment in which human rights defenders and journalists can operate in a safe and secure manner, free from harassment, violence and reprisals,

5. Enact explicit prohibition of all corporal punishment of children, in all settings including at home, and repeal all provisions defending its use.

We thank you.