**Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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**Review of Somalia**

**Statement by Brazil**

Thank you, Madam President.

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Somalia and makes the following recommendations:

- to consider establishing an official moratorium on death penalty and related executions; and

- to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and adopt measures to guarantee that Somali women can fully enjoy their human and civil rights.

Brazil remains concerned about legislation that restricts the practice of religion and freedom of expression, and urges Somalia to ensure that religious minorities are treated equally under the law.

Brazil commends the efforts of Somalia for furthering its engagement with international and regional human rights mechanisms, including the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Although we remain concerned with the long-standing conflict and humanitarian crisis in the country, we note relevant advances in the development of national policies and legislation regarding health care and the protection of children affected by armed conflicts. Thank you.