**The 38th session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Somalia**

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**Statement by Latvia**

Thank you Madam President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Somalia to the UPR Working Group and thanks for presenting its national report.

Latvia would like to **recommend** to the Government of Somalia:

1. To establish a moratorium on death penalty with a view to its eventual abolition, and consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol of the ICCPR;
2. To consider ratifying the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);
3. To take all necessary measures, both in law and in practice, to combat violence against women and girls and domestic violence, female genital mutilation, and child early and forced marriage, as well as ensure that victims receive medical and social support, and have access to legal remedies.

Latvia would also like to **reiterate the following recommendation from the previous UPR cycle**:

1. To ratify and fully align its national legislation with all the obligations under the Rome Statute of the ICC.

Latvia wishes to the delegation of Somalia success in the review.

I thank you.