**UGANDA DELEGATION STATEMENT AT THE UPR OF SOMALIA, GENEVA, MAY 2021**

**Thank you, President,**

Uganda welcomes the delegation of Somalia and thanks them for their continued engagement in this process.

We commend the government’s efforts to comply with established international and regional human rights regimes through the adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan in February, 2017 and the submission of several national reports to treaty body mechanisms at the regional and international levels.

We encourage the government to continue working towards the implement ion of the National Reconciliation Framework (NRF) which will contribute to the realisation of justice and accountability as well as to the foundation of peace and stability.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we wish to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue to strengthen frameworks to prevent sexual violence and ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice.
2. Continue to strengthen efforts to ensure the protection of children and that their rights are guaranteed in accordance with the national laws.

We wish Somalia a successful review.

I thank you.