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Madam President,

We thank the delegation of Somalia for their presentation.

We appreciate the efforts of the Federal Government to re-build state institutions and strengthen the capacity of both federal and regional governance bodies.

We reiterate that Somalia deserves the constructive engagement of all international partners.

The Federal Government is planning to conclude the preparations to operationalize the National Human Rights Commission.

We commend the progress Somalia has made in adressing the recruitment of child soldiers, which is also recognized by UNICEF.

Turkey **would like to recommend** Somalia,

- To finalize the drafting process of the new Penal Code,

- To activate the National Human Rights Commission,

- To conclude the Constitutional Review process in the near future with the consensus of all political stakeholders,

- To further strengthen the protection of children affected by armed conflict,

- To empower the institutional capacity of the judiciary,

- To continue capacity-building efforts for training of security forces with the aim of providing a broad perspective on human rights norms.

We wish Somalia all success during its 3rd UPR.

Thank you.