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Recommendations by Sweden

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President,The alleged human rights violations and abuses in Cabo Delgado are deeply concerning. Sweden commends the government’s efforts to end child marriage and acknowledges the steps taken to combat corruption. However, developments regarding the rights to freedom of opinion, expression and information are concerning.

Sweden would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Ensure accountability and due process through independent and transparent investigations regarding cases of alleged human rights violations, by the military and police in Cabo Delgado.
2. Re-draft the proposed Law on Social Communication and the Law on Broadcasting to guarantee the freedom of expression, including by increasing the space for dissent and discussion, and ensuring a safe and enabling space for everyone to exercise these rights.
3. Adopt legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Thank you.