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Review of Somalia

Recommendations by Sweden

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President,Despite decades of conflict, Somalia has made substantial progress with the ratification of CRPD as an important step. However, serious challenges remain including sexual and gender-based violence and violence against journalists.

Sweden would therefore like to recommend Somalia to:

1. Enact laws and regulations that prohibit all forms of violence against women and girls, including by ending in law and practice the use of Female Genital Mutilation.
2. Ensure that laws and regulations aimed at protecting the Rights of the Child are in line with the CRC and other international law and standards, including by prohibiting child, early and forced marriages.
3. Take necessary measures to end violence against journalists and review provisions in the new media law, and other laws, that impede freedom of expression and media freedom, to bring them in line with Somalia’s human rights obligations.
4. Finalize the Constitutional Review process.

Thank you.