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## **Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review\***

### **Somalia**

#### **Addendum**

#### **Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review**

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The Federal Republic of Somalia welcomes, once again, the recommendations made by Member States and would like to reaffirm its sustained commitment to the protection and promotion of the human rights. Somalia has carefully considered the remaining recommendations in consultation with relevant stakeholders and respectfully submits the following responses to the Human Rights Council.

| <i>Recommendations</i> | <i>Somali Government positions</i> | <i>Explanatory notes</i>   |
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| 1.                     | Noted                              | Somalia aims to prioritise which international instruments to become party to and which instruments not to become party to due to capacity constraints and/or incompatibility with current policies.   |
| 2.                     | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 3.                     | Noted                              | As explained by Somalia during the UPR session on 22 January 2016 abolishing the death penalty is not attainable in the current situation of Somalia as the people are not ready to accept this. Somalia will initiate community dialogue on the position of the death penalty in our society. |
| 4.                     | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 5.                     | Noted                              | See No. 3.   |
| 6.                     | Noted                              | See No. 3.   |
| 7.                     | Noted                              | See No. 1. Somalia is in the process of to sign CEDAW. Noting this recommendation as it is too broadly formulated.   |
| 8.                     | Noted                              | See No. 7.   |
| 9.                     | Enjoy support                      |  |
| 10.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 11.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 12.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 13.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 14.                    | Enjoy support                      |  |
| 15.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 16.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 17.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 18.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 19.                    | Enjoy support                      |  |
| 20.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |
| 21.                    | Noted                              | See No. 1.   |

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| 22. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 23. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 24. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 25. | Noted         | See No. 1. Also too broadly formulated.   |
| 26. | Enjoy support |   |
| 27. | Noted         | See No. 1. Also too broadly formulated.   |
| 28. | Noted         | Articles 14, 20 and 21 are excluded by the Somali Federal Parliament.   |
| 29. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 30. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 31. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 32. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 33. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 34. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 35. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 36. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 37. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 38. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 39. | Enjoy support |   |
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| 45. | Noted         | This recommendation mostly enjoys support from Somalia. However, abolishing the death penalty cannot be endorsed by Somalia. See no. 3 for explanation. |
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| 61. | Noted         | Somalia requires to engage in wide community dialogue before being able to address this recommendation.   |
| 62. | Enjoy support |   |
| 63. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 64. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 65. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 66. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 67. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 68. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 69. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 70. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 71. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 72. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 73. | Noted         | See No. 3.  |
| 74. | Enjoy support |   |
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| 77. | Noted         | This recommendation mostly enjoys support from Somalia. However, it is too broadly formulated and some aspects cannot be implemented due to capacity constraints. |
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| 80.  | Noted         | See No.1.   |
| 81.  | Enjoy support |   |
| 82.  | Noted         | Considering the limited capacity of the Government it will not be able to fulfil this recommendation in the current year.   |
| 83.  | Enjoy support |   |
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| 85.  | Noted         | The definition of ‘early’ is different in Somalia compared to international standards.  |
| 86.  | Noted         | See No. 85.   |
| 87.  | Noted         | See No. 85.   |
| 88.  | Enjoy support |   |
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| 90.  | Enjoy support |   |
| 91.  | Noted         | This recommendation mostly enjoys support from Somalia. However, bringing civilians before military courts is necessary due to lack of security for civilian prosecutors. |
| 92.  | Noted         | See No. 91.   |
| 93.  | Enjoy support |   |
| 94.  | Enjoy support |   |
| 95.  | Noted         | Attacks against all persons in Somalia are addressed through the criminal justice process. Impunity cases in Somalia are incidental and not “wide spread”.                |
| 96.  | Enjoy support |   |
| 97.  | Enjoy support |   |
| 98.  | Noted         | The Office of the Attorney General of Somalia independently determines which criminal cases require further prosecution.  |
| 99.  | Enjoy support |   |
| 100. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 101. | Noted         | See No. 1.  |
| 102. | Enjoy support |   |
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| 105. | Noted         | This recommendation mostly enjoys support from Somalia. However, Somalia's security situation requires the Government to carefully balance human rights and the country's security interest. Inciting violence against the Government and hatred amongst communities are acts that Somalia cannot accept and will take serious measures against. |
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