

THE SDGs AND HUMAN RIGHTS

STATUS OF UPR RECOMMENDATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

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SOMALIA

Universal Periodic Review Fast Facts ⁽¹⁾

- **Last Review:** 22 January 2016 (2nd Cycle); **Final Report of the Working Group:** 1 February 2016
- **Mid-Term Reporting:** July 2018
- **National Consultation:** July 2019
- **NGO Report Drafting:** March 2020 – June 2020
- **Next Review:** January 2021

Status of Core International Human Rights Conventions in Somalia ⁽²⁾

KEY	Ratified
	Ratified with Declarations
	Ratified with Reservations
	Ratified with Reservations and Declarations
	Signed but not Ratified
	No Action
Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment (CAT)	Ratified
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (CCPR)	Ratified with Reservations
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)	Ratified with Reservations and Declarations
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)	Ratified
Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	Signed but not Ratified
Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (CCPR-OP2-DP)	No Action
Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED)	No Action
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	No Action
International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW)	No Action
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	No Action

Accepted UPR Recommendations: An Opportunity for Action and Engagement

A state has a responsibility to implement all recommendations it has accepted before the Human Rights Council as a demonstration of their commitment to protecting and promoting Human Rights. Following the last Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Somalia in January 2016 and in preparation for the next review scheduled for January 2021, Somalia has accepted to implement several UPR recommendations. Below is a selection of supported UPR recommendations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): ^{(3) (4)}

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Take concrete measures to reduce child and maternal mortality rates.

Establish and continue to improve the healthcare system to protect people's right to health.

Take immediate measures to ensure under-nourished children are provided with nutrition supplements and access to clean water.

Step up collaboration with regional and international actors to improve food security by working towards achieving sustainable production and distribution of food.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Continue to prioritize the realization of right to education as a key national policy to increase child enrolment rate and improve the quality of education.

Develop measures to promote education for all, particularly for vulnerable groups, including women, children and persons with disabilities.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



Accede to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and actively fight against violence against women.

Strengthen efforts towards the protection of women and children's rights, and ensure thorough investigations of alleged violence against women, including sexual violence.

Take all appropriate action in order to combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls.

Strengthen its efforts to increase women's participation in elected and appointed bodies at all levels of government.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Develop a birth registration system.

Establish effective vetting procedures to ensure that the Somali national armed forces and police do not include persons under the age of 18.

Continue to take actions to improve the capacity of the judiciary, including by sensitizing officials working in the judicial branch on issues concerning vulnerable groups such as women, children and persons with disabilities.

Ensure that security forces do not arbitrarily harass and arrest journalists or otherwise prevent the exercise of freedom of expression.

Continue efforts to strengthen human rights institutions, including the judiciary and the Ministry of Women and Human Rights in order to ensure effective protection and promotion of human rights.

Promote equal participation of all citizens in political and public affairs and adopt legislation regulating the establishment and functioning of political parties.