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German Statement

Mr President,

Germany aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the European Union and thanks the Independent Expert for his comprehensive report and the recommendations contained therein.

We commend the Federal Government and the Somali people for the 2016/17 electoral process, and the election of President Farmajo. It bears testimony to the peacebuilding efforts and the consolidation of State institutions in Somalia. In pursuance of these efforts, we call on the Somali leadership also to swiftly implement Somalia's human rights commitments in full and to establish an independent Human Rights Commission.

We urge the Federal Government of Somalia to end impunity by investigating and prosecuting all perpetrators of human rights violations and to ensure accountability. In this context, we encourage reviewing the penal code, and ensuring that the rule of law is re-established. As the Independent expert has rightfully pointed out there is a need for legislative and judicial sector reforms aimed at protecting girls and women and guaranteeing their right to access justice, as they are especially vulnerable to discrimination, sexual and gender based violence, and abuses.

Mr. Nyanduga,

you recommend raising awareness among traditional leaders about human rights, particularly civic education and the rights of women. Do you have any best practice examples and could you please elaborate how the International Community can support this process? How can the participation of women in this process be strengthened?

Thank you.