

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO SOMALIA

SECOND BATCH

BELGIUM

- Referring to the commitments taken by the delegation of Somalia in 2011 we appreciate the ratification by the Government of Somalia of the Convention on the rights of the Child, though we regret the reservations made by the Government of Somalia. There was also a commitment from the Somalian side on the ratification of the **Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women**. Can the delegation inform us what steps were taken towards the ratification of this important instrument?
- In this framework we also note the widespread practice of **female genital mutilation** (FGM). We note that the Somali Government has prepared legislation banning this practice and would like to learn what steps will be taken to promulgate a legal ban on FGM and what practical initiatives are taken to discourage this type of mutilation.
- Both Belgium and the EU consistently plead for abolition of the **death penalty** for principled reasons and also because that capital punishment has no demonstrated added value in the fight against crime. In the framework of the 2011 UPR we had noted a commitment of the delegation of Somalia towards a formal moratorium on the death penalty, can the delegation inform us what steps were taken towards a moratorium?