

Annex: Assessment of Somalia's implementation of specific recommendations under the second cycle

Recommendation – Theme	Response	Status Source (paragraph)
Freedom of opinion and expression		
135.70 Ensure that security forces do not arbitrarily harass and arrest journalists or otherwise prevent the exercise of freedom of expression (United States of America)	Supported	Not implemented 2.3
136.103 Provide greater freedom to journalism (Iraq);	Supported	Not implemented
136.44 Ensure the right to freedom of expression in the soon to be reviewed provisional constitution and in its federal and regional media legislation (Finland);	Supported	Not implemented 2.3
136.106 Take concrete measures ensuring the freedom of expression, independence of the media, protection of journalists, and adopt legislative and other measures to prevent censorship (Czech Republic);	Supported	Not implemented 2.5
136.109 Ensure that the new Media Law is in line with international standards (Luxembourg);	Supported	Not implemented 2.4
136.110 Review the media law of 28 December 2015 to ensure compliance with international standards on freedom of expression (Denmark);	Supported	Not implemented 2.4
136.111 Adopt clear by-laws	Supported	Not implemented

and regulations to the new Media Law clarifying the general clauses for the benefit of the journalists instead of further reducing the space of free media (Germany);		2.5
136.112 Implement legislative instruments in a manner that ensures full freedom of expression, leading to active and genuine civil society participation in the electoral and state-building processes (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);	Supported	Not implemented 2.5
136.107 Fully guarantee freedom of expression and the press, in particular by conducting credible and effective investigations into allegations of detentions, harassment and abuses against journalists in Somalia (Spain);	Supported	Not implemented 2.6
136.104 Put an end to the restrictions on freedom of expression, including arrest of journalists and human rights activists (Portugal);	Supported	Not implemented 2.1, 2.2
136.114 Ensure that the National Intelligence and Security Agency refrains from detaining journalists, closing media outlets, confiscating media equipment and other law enforcement activities which are beyond its mandate (Netherlands);	Supported	Not implemented 2.8
135.67 Carry out judicial investigations into the crimes against journalists (Belgium);	Supported	Not implemented 2.3, 2.7

135.68 Take measures to ensure that journalists exercise their profession freely and fight against impunity of the perpetrators of violence against them (France);	Supported	Not implemented 2.9
135.69 Address effectively the issue of murders and harassment of journalists, media workers and professionals, by eliminating the prevalence of impunity and establishing effective prosecution acts (Greece);	Supported	Not implemented 2.9
136.93 Ensure the prompt, impartial and effective investigation of all attacks and violence against journalists to bring the perpetrators to justice and provide remedies for the victims and their families and, to reform the Penal Code to bring it in line with international standards on freedom of expression (Latvia);	Supported	Not implemented 2.5, 2.3
136.108 Secure the defence of journalists, media personnel and media company owners against attacks and prosecute those responsible for such attempts, and adopt an information law (Estonia);	Supported	Not implemented 2.6, 2.9
Human rights defenders		
136.96 Ensure the protection of the human rights of journalists and human rights defenders and guarantee that perpetrators of violations against human	Supported	Not implemented 3.1, 3.2

rights defenders be brought to justice (Switzerland);		
136.95 Address widespread impunity — including for attacks against journalists, civil society and human rights defenders, women and LGBTI persons — by conducting timely and impartial investigations, investigating threats of violence, and prosecuting perpetrators (Canada);	Noted	Not implemented
136.105 Release all media workers and human rights defenders arrested and detained for their human rights activities and allow the reopening of closed media outlets	Noted	Not implemented