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Madame Chair,

I am pleased to inform you that in the 9th April of this year, the Prime Minister of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia signed the accession letter of Somalia to the Ban Landmine Convention.

The Somali Republic deposited its instrument of accession with the UN Secretary General Treaty Section in the 16th of April 2012 becoming the No. 160 State Party and the last Sub-Saharan African country to access the Treaty.

I took long to reach this stage as Somalia is still under recovery from the civil war that have devastated the country.

I Thank you, Madame Chair