



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA  
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The Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia condemns the remarks made by the Swedish Foreign Minister regarding issues pertaining to the internal affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This behavior is clearly prohibited by the diplomatic norms and practices but also international law that governs the relationship between sovereign states.

The foremost important aspect is the respect for sovereign nations to choose their mode of governance and systems without the interference by external parties. This is a treasured principle that has served the world immensely and of which Somalia expects the adherence of all members of the international community.

The blessed religion of Islam and its laws was brought to mankind so as to ensure the dignity, freedoms and integrity of all humans.

Thus, to portray the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its judiciary as guardians of medieval practices is an offence to not only the people and Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia but also to the entire Muslim world.

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