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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Somalia
<b>Region</b>	Africa (excl MENA)
<b>Agreement name</b>	Provisional Constitution of The Federal Republic of Somalia
<b>Date</b>	1 Aug 2012
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Somali Civil War (1991 - ) )
<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - comprehensive
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Somalia Peace Process
<b>Parties</b>	Members of the Transitional Government of Somalia
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	The Provisional Constitution of Somalia provides the legal foundation for the Federal Republic of Somalia outlining the Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizen; Land Property and Environment; Representation of the People; Devolution of the Power of State in the Federal Republic of Somalia; The Federal Parliament; the Presidency; the Executive; the Judiciary; the Independent Commissions; the Civil Service; the Federal Members States; Public Finance and Peace and Security.

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## Women, girls and gender

Participation Participation→Gender quotas

Page 38, CHAPTER 10: THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONS

Article 111D. Parliamentary Service Commission

... (c) Four (4) members elected by the House of the People from among its members, of whom at least two (2) shall be women;

(d) Two (2) members elected by the Upper House from among its members, of whom at least one shall be a woman; and

Participation→Effective participation

Page 1, CHAPTER 1: DECLARATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA

Article 3: Founding Principles,

(5) Women must be included, in an effective way, in all national institutions, in particular all elected and appointed positions across the three branches of government and in national independent commissions.

Equality Equality→Equality (general)

Page 3, Title One: General Principles Of Human Rights

Article 11. Equality

(1) All citizens, regardless of sex, religion, social or economic status, political opinion, clan, disability, occupation, birth or dialect shall have equal rights and duties before the law.

... (3) The State must not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, race, colour, tribe, ethnicity, culture, dialect, gender, birth, disability, religion, political opinion, occupation, or wealth.

Equality→Social equality

Page 6, Title Two: Rights, Basic Personal Liberties and Limitations

Article 24. Labour Relations

... (5) All workers, particularly women, have a special right of protection from sexual abuse, segregation and discrimination in the work place. Every labour law and practice shall comply with gender equality in the work place.

Page 6, Title Two: Rights, Basic Personal Liberties and Limitations

Article 27. Economic and Social Rights

... (5) It shall be ensured that women, the aged, the disabled and minorities who have long suffered discrimination get the necessary support to realize their socio-economic rights.

Equality→Other

Page 46, CHAPTER 14: PEACE AND SECURITY Article 127. Principles for the

Security Forces ... (2) Every Somali citizen is entitled to be considered for positions in the national armed forces at all levels, without discrimination, and the rights of women shall be protected in this respect

Particular groups of women	<p>Particular groups of women→Pregnancy/maternity</p> <p>Page 4, Title Two: Rights, Basic Personal Liberties and Limitations Article 15. Liberty and Security of the Person (5) Abortion is contrary to Shari’ah and is prohibited except in cases of necessity, especially to save the life of the mother.</p>
International law	<p>International law→General IHRL, IHL and IL</p> <p>Page 6, Title Two: Rights, Basic Personal Liberties and Limitations Article 28. Family Care</p> <p>(2) Mother and child care is a legal duty of the State.</p> <p>... (5) A marriage shall not be legal without the free consent of both the man and the woman, or if either party has not reached the age of maturity.</p>
New institutions	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Violence against women	<p>Violence against women→Sexual violence</p> <p>Page 6, Title Two: Rights, Basic Personal Liberties and Limitations, Article 24. Labour Relations</p> <p>... (5) All workers, particularly women, have a special right of protection from sexual abuse, segregation and discrimination in the work place. Every labour law and practice shall comply with gender equality in the work place.</p> <p>Violence against women→Gender-based violence/VAW (general)</p> <p>Page 4, Title Two: Rights, Basic Personal Liberties and Limitations, Article 15. Liberty and Security of the Person</p> <p>... (2) Every person has the right to personal security, and this includes: the prohibition of illegal detention, all forms of violence, including any form of violence against women, torture, or inhumane treatment.</p> <p>Page 4, Title Two: Rights, Basic Personal Liberties and Limitations Article 15. Liberty and Security of the Person</p> <p>... (4) Female circumcision is a cruel and degrading customary practice, and is tantamount to torture. The circumcision of girls is prohibited.</p> <p>Page 33, CHAPTER9: THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITY</p> <p>Article 107. Judicial Procedure</p> <p>(1) Judicial proceedings shall be open to the public, but the courts may decide, in the interests of ethics, national security, the protection of witnesses, in cases involving juveniles, or concerning rape, that the proceedings be held in private.</p> <p>Violence against women→Other</p> <p>Page 4, Title Two: Rights, Basic Personal Liberties and Limitations Article 15. Liberty and Security of the Person</p> <p>... (4) Female circumcision is a cruel and degrading customary practice, and is tantamount to torture. The circumcision of girls is prohibited.</p>

Transitional justice No specific mention.

Institutional reform Institutional reform→Constitution-making/reform

Page 50, CHAPTER 15: FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS, Title One: Amending The Constitution, Article 134. Provisions Applicable to an Amendment to the Constitution Proposed Before the Expiry of the First Term of the Federal Parliament: The Review and Implementation Commission ... (3) The relevant Minister shall select as a nominee a person, not a member of the Federal Parliament, who meets the following criteria for appointment to the Review and Implementation Commission: ... (d) Has knowledge and experience of at least ten years in matters relating to one or more of the following fields: ... (iv) Gender;

Institutional reform→Emergency/criminal law/corruption reform

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Institutional reform→DDR, army, parastatal or rebel forces

Page 46, CHAPTER 14: PEACE AND SECURITY

Article 127. Principles for the Security Forces

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Development Development→Reproductive rights

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Implementation Implementation→Women's role and consideration in implementation of the agreement

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Other No specific mention.

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