

SOMALIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW PROCESS



Why is the Constitution important?

As a social contract, the Constitution governs our life - our rights and freedoms, as well as our duties as citizens.



Also, the Constitution lays down the rules and principles that guide the operation of the State.

Does Somalia have a Constitution?

Since 1960, Somalia has had:



After decades of conflict, the provisional federal Constitution was adopted in 2012, paving the way for the country's stabilization and recovery. It defines Somalia as a federal, sovereign and democratic republic founded on social justice. It also guarantees that all people are to be represented in an inclusive system of governance.

The separation of powers divides the tasks of the State into three branches: legislative, executive and judiciary.

Why do we need to review the provisional Constitution?

The provisional Constitution is being reviewed to emerge as a better reflection of Somali identity and aspirations.

The revision of the provisional Constitution is around several key issues, such as the status of the capital city of Somalia, and distribution of powers and revenues between the federal government and the federal member states.

The adoption of a permanent Constitution will be key to stabilizing the federal state.

Who is involved in the revision of the Constitution?

The review of the provisional Constitution has to be inclusive and open.

To this end, the Federal Parliament and regional assemblies, the Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and its regional counterparts, and other bodies are working together and in consultation with Somali society.

How do we get a permanent Constitution?

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The Independent Constitutional Review and Implementation Commission writes draft amendments to the Provisional Constitution, based on political and public consultations.

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Then, the Joint Parliamentary Oversight Committee reviews the draft amendments, and presents them to the Federal Parliament.

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The Federal Parliament debates and adopts the amendments.

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Finally, the adopted Constitution of Somalia is presented to the public for validation.

How can I be part of the process?

You can go to constitutional review meetings held in your area and say what you think.



You can write to mandated bodies at info@moca.gov.so



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