

Statement from The Inquiry: “Many thanks to the listener Ahmed Kadleye for his useful feedback. The purpose of this part of the programme was to talk about what happens when a state unilaterally declares independence and isn’t recognised. In that context, it might have been distracting to go into the complicated history of Somaliland and the Federal Republic of Somalia. The name of the latter country has changed twice since 1960, but it is still generally referred to as ‘Somalia’ so it was this description we felt would be best understood by the audience. However, we fully recognise that more detail would have been welcomed by Ahmed, but it is a hard balance to strike for everyone. If our listeners would like to know more, there are useful Country Profiles of Somalia and Somaliland on the BBC News website which include detailed historical timelines.”