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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to welcome the Delegation of the Republic Djibouti and thank them for their presentation. We welcome the open and constructive approach adopted by Djibouti in the preparation of its National Report.

2. We note with appreciation the ratification of the main international legal instruments on human rights and international humanitarian law by the Republic of Djibouti as well as the gradual incorporation of provisions from international instruments in its domestic law so as to ensure compliance with its international human rights obligations.

3. We welcome the setting up of the National Human Rights Commission as recently as in April 2008 which has members drawn from a variety of social and institutional backgrounds: from NGOs, trade unions, religious and traditional leaders and the Office of the Ombudsman. The Commission has made a good start in the few months that it has been in existence, in particular, with the organizing of awareness-raising sessions on human rights amongst the population.

4. We congratulate Djibouti for having made substantial progress in the field of education. An increase in the gross enrolment rate in primary education from 38 per cent to 70 per cent is commendable indeed. The unwavering commitment of the Government to education and the doubling of budget allocation to education from 12 % to 24 % have contributed to this success.

Mr. Chairman,

5. We recognize the fact that the Government of Djibouti faces numerous challenges and constraints in the promotion and protection of human rights. However, we appreciate the fact that the Government is aware of such challenges and constraints and intends to take appropriate action in order to address them, as pledged in the National Report. We wish them well in their endeavours.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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