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Ethiopia warmly welcomes the delegation of Republic of Djibouti led by H.E. Ali Farah Assoweh, Minister of Justice.

We are encouraged by the positive developments in promotion and protection of human rights in Djibouti. We are pleased by the progress Djibouti has made in several areas since the first cycle review of the country and commend the work done by the Government of Djibouti on protection of the rights of women and children rights, birth registration and cooperation with the Human Rights Council.

We highly commend the measures taken by the Government of Djibouti in the electoral system of the country in February 2012, which have allowed the opposition to secure seats in the Parliament, thus strengthening the democratic process in the country.

We are encouraged by measures taken by Djibouti to augment the education, health and housing service coverage to meet the corresponding obligation of the country under international human rights instruments. The Government has also draw 2010-2019 national educational master plan to achieve 100 % inclusive enrolment in the country. The stapes taken by the Government of Djibouti are encouraging and we recommend Djibouti to further work on capacity building in the fields of human rights education.

It is also encouraging to see the ongoing process and initiative by the Government of Djibouti to fight harmful traditional practices and to address the inequality between men and women.

Noting the progress made by the Government of Djibouti, my delegation would like to forward the following recommendation;

1. To continue on its effort in combating harmful traditional practices
2. To continue further on its effort to establish synergy between different stakeholders in the country

Finally, we wish all the success and fruitful dialogue to the delegation.

Thank you