

## Hungary's Statement on Djibouti, UPR 16th Session, 25 April 2013

Thank you Mr President,

Hungary welcomes the distinguished delegation of Djibouti to this UPR session and commends the steps by the Government for the implementation of the previous UPR recommendations.

Hungary appreciates the amendment of the Constitution according to which international treaties ratified by Djibouti take precedence over domestic laws and might be applied directly in domestic judicial proceedings. To further enhance the implementation of international human rights obligations we **recommend** that Djibouti issues a standing invitation for the special procedures of this Council.

Hungary welcomes the on-going reform of the Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure initiated upon the recommendations of the Committee against Torture and the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture. To ensure the full implementation of the planned amendments of the above mentioned laws we **recommend** Djibouti to consider establishing an independent complaint mechanism specifically devoted to allegations of torture and ill-treatment committed by law enforcement, security, military and prison officials.

Finally, we are pleased to note recent reforms of the justice system aiming at providing better access to justice and capacity-building, in particular the adoption of the law on legal aid and the regularly held circuit court hearings in rural areas. To further enhance this reform and to ensure the best interest of children during penal procedures we **recommend** Djibouti establishing a juvenile justice system in compliance with the Beijing Rules and the Riyadh Guidelines.

Thank you Mr President.