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KENYAN STATEMENT ON THE UPR OF DJIBOUTI

AT THE

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Mr. President,

Kenya welcomes the delegation of Djibouti to this Review session. We express our appreciation for the detailed presentation of their Report. Djibouti continues to actively participate in the work of the Human Rights Council and has remained solidly committed to the promotion and protection of human rights.

We have taken note of the current efforts by the Government to reform and update the Criminal Code and the Code of Procedure. This reform process presents Djibouti with a welcome opportunity to bring positive changes, and to incorporate treaty standards and values needed to make an improvement of the rights and guarantees for all. The incorporation of the Conventional definition of torture into the domestic law is one such important reform which my delegation wishes to appreciate.

Similarly, the effort to reform the judiciary has also been noted. In this regard, we would like to make **two recommendations** to the delegation of Djibouti for their consideration:

**First:** to continue strengthening the national human rights institution in line with the Paris principles.

**Second:** to continue cooperating with the United Nations human rights mechanisms.

I thank you.