

71

NTSIME JAFETA
COUNSELLOR

STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
Review of Djibouti
10TH Session of UPR Working Group of Human Rights
Council
25 April 2013

The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to welcome the Honourable Minister of*Justice*....., and his/her delegation to this Working Group of Universal Periodic Review and would like to congratulate them for a very elaborate report. There is no doubt that the Government of Djibouti has done a lot in the promotion and protection of human rights for its citizens and continues to do so.

Mr. President,

The Lesotho delegation has carefully gone through the report and welcomes the commendable strides Djibouti has made to effectively harmonise their domestic legislation with regional and international human rights instruments. The fact that Djibouti has ratified most international human rights instruments is a reflection of the country's commitment towards cooperating with the UN human rights system.

Lesotho also notes the great efforts that the Government of Djibouti continues to make in the field of education in general, by ensuring free primary school education.

Mr. President,

Lesotho is gratified by the progress made by Djibouti, even in the face of obvious challenges and constraints she is confronted with. These challenges, of limited capacity and resources, continue to undermine the full attainment of the objectives of the various commendable programmes and strategies for promoting and protecting human rights.

Lesotho would like to recommend that Djibouti remains steadfast in pursuing its impressive policies towards gender equality, particularly by strengthening measures to eradicate gender-based violence.

I thank you