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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Djibouti
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Djibouti, led by H.E. Mr. Ali Farah Assoweh to the 16th Session of the UPR Working Group and we thank them for the presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation commends the efforts made by Djibouti in advancing its human rights agenda since its first UPR review. Progress has been made in strengthening its domestic legislative and institutional framework. In particular, Malaysia congratulates Djibouti for its ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2012.

3. During Djibouti's first review, Malaysia made recommendations pertaining to access to education and addressing extreme poverty, among others. My delegation is pleased to note that these recommendations were accepted by Djibouti and that significant progress has been made in those areas. Malaysia further lauds Djibouti's efforts in ensuring education for all by 2015 through increasing allocations for education as well as introducing provisions that would pave the way for free education.

4. While efforts and significant progress have been made by Djibouti, my delegation recognises that the country is still faced with challenges as reflected in its national report. In this regard, Malaysia hopes that Djibouti's request for technical assistance would receive the necessary attention from the international community.

5. In the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation, my delegation would like to make the following two recommendations for the consideration of Djibouti:

- 5.1. to continue its positive resolve in the education sector in line with its national education master plan for 2010 to 2019; and
- 5.2. to continue its measures in promoting gender equality through the implementation of its National Gender Policy Action Plan for the period 2011 to 2021.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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