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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Pedro Comissário,
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on the 2nd cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of Djibouti

Thank you Mr. President for giving me the floor,

Mr. President,

I would like to warmly welcome H.E. Mr. Ali Farah Assouweh, Djibouti Minister of Justice, who is leading his country's delegation to the second Universal Periodic Review.

Mozambique commends the delegation of Djibouti for the presentation of a well-crafted and comprehensive Report that portrays a faithful picture of the efforts by the Government aimed at the strengthening of the protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

Since the 1st Universal Periodic Review the Government of Djibouti has been engaged in a multiplicity of actions and initiatives, including the introduction of legislative improvements to broaden the legal base for the enhancement of the enjoyment of Human Rights.

In this context, Mozambique would like to praise Djibouti for the degree of implementation of the recommendations submitted to her during the 1st Universal Periodic Review.

It is noteworthy that the country, during this period, ratified the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The fact that the government last year adopted a decree guaranteeing full independence and immunity to the members of the National Human Rights Commission is by itself an illustration of the strong commitment by the Government to uphold the values of Human Rights Protection.

It should be recalled that Djibouti is among the countries that have abolished the death penalty.

Furthermore, we ought to be mindful of the fact that the Government is implementing all these goals against an adverse environment due to the lasting impact of the Global Economic and Financial oscillation.

Mozambique recommends Djibouti to step up its efforts for the mobilizations of resources and necessary assistance for a successful implementation of the Human Rights National Program and related activities.

I thank you!

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