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Mr. President,

Namibia warmly welcomes the delegation of Djibouti to the 16th Session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the UPR. My delegation commends Djibouti for recent Constitutional reforms, including the abolishment of the death penalty and the further strengthening of human rights protection measures in 2010. Democracy has also been strengthened with the establishment of the Senate, as well as measures to strengthen elections and the participation of political parties. Namibia commends Djibouti for its tremendous contribution to the wellbeing of hundreds of refugees and asylum seekers hosted in that country. Namibia calls upon the international community to support Djibouti in its development efforts to increase access to healthcare services, education, as well as safe drinking water and sanitation, and create employment opportunities in order to raise the standard of living in the country.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Djibouti:

1. Seek the necessary financial support, technical assistance and capacity building from relevant UN and other international organisations to promote the right to an adequate standard of living.
2. Continue to strengthen its policies and programmes to increase access to quality education.
3. Continue to strengthen its efforts to ensure equality in marriage.

I thank you Mr. President.

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