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**Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Djibouti**

**16<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group**

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**Mr. President,**

I would like to thank H.E. Mr. Ali Farah Assoweh, Minister of Justice and other members of the delegation of Djibouti for presenting their national report.

We appreciate the efforts of the Government of Djibouti to eliminate delay in the submission of reports to treaty bodies in response to the recommendation made during its first UPR and in-line with its international human rights obligations.

We welcome the important legislative developments in Djibouti in the fields of Child Rights, Education and access to justice, despite resource constraints. The establishment of the National Committee on the Rights of Child and adoption of the National Education Master Plan for 2010-2019 are positive developments. We are confident that the Education Plan would achieve its six objectives including 100% enrolment in primary education and eliminate disparities between the sexes.

**Mr. President,**

The efforts of the Government of Djibouti in order to enhance the independence of the National Human Rights Commission should be acknowledged. We also commend the Government of Djibouti for strengthening the democratic process through electoral system in February 2012.

**Mr. President,**

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- Take necessary measures to reduce gender gap in the labor market
- To continue efforts to further strengthen the National Human Rights Commission and bring it in line with the Paris Principles.