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Mister President, the Philippines welcomes the delegation of Djibouti led by
HE _____.

My delegation acknowledges the great importance that Djibouti attaches to human rights and the participatory and inclusive manner by which it prepared its comprehensive national report.

Mister President, the Philippines notes the improvement in the normative and institutional framework for human rights, particularly the elevation of the Ombudsman as a constitutional body and the establishment of the Senate and Court of Audit.

My delegation also welcomes the inclusion as priority in the Djibouti's long-term plan of poverty reduction, women's empowerment, and access to resources for all.

My delegation recommends that Djibouti considers the following:

1. Continue the process towards the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, and
2. Continue the process of revising domestic legislation governing the National Human Rights Commission to bring it in line with the Paris Principles.

Thank you, Mister President.