Statement by Romania Working Group on UPR - examination of Djibouti – April 25, 2013 -

Mr. President,

The delegation of Romania welcomes the delegation of Djibouti and thanks the Government for the presentation of its second UPR report.

We would like to express appreciation for the progress made by the Government of Djibouti in various human rights areas. We would particularly note the ratification of human rights conventions, such as the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the creation of the National Committee on the Rights of the Child; the adoption of measures to combat violence against women.

Since important issues still need to be addressed, Romania would like to make the following two recommendations to the authorities of Djibouti: that they investigate the allegations of torture and ill-treatment in a prompt, impartial and effective manner and they prosecute the perpetrators; that they adopt a strategy to combat the trafficking in persons, especially of women and children.

Thank you, Mr. President.