



**Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

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Mr President,

My delegation welcomes the high level delegation of Djibouti to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the national report and the presentation today.

We are happy to note that Djibouti is carrying out consultations for the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families with a view to becoming a State party to the Convention.

We commend the government for its unprecedented efforts to safeguard the rights of women and children, and take special note of the National Strategic Action Plan for Children in Djibouti and the National Gender Policy.

We also note that Djibouti has taken several measures to combat human trafficking, both through bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

Sri Lanka wishes to make the following recommendations to Djibouti:

1. Strengthen steps to protect children from the worst forms of child labour;
2. Continue to address barriers to education of girls, with a view of increasing school enrolment at the primary and secondary levels, especially in rural areas;
3. Further strengthen measures to combat human trafficking, including by adopting a comprehensive strategy to combat trafficking, especially of women and children.

In conclusion, we wish Djibouti success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.