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Permanent Mission of the Republic of Djibouti to the United Nations

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Review of Sierra Leone

Thank you Mr. Vice President,

Djibouti would like to welcome the delegation of Sierra Leone and thank them for the national report provided to the Working Group.

We acknowledge the progress made by Sierra Leone for the protection and promotion of human rights since the first cycle, and we appreciate the positive steps taken in spite of the significant challenge of Ebola virus.

We welcome the institutional and legislative reforms that have been implemented such as the Persons with Disability Act and the Right to Access to Information Act. However, we are concerned about reports of high levels of violence against women, in particular female genital mutilation.

Therefore, Djibouti would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1) To continue its efforts to end discrimination and violence against women by taking all necessary measures to guarantee equal and effective access to justice for women and to ensure access to all levels of education
- 2) To ratify the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW and the OP-CAT
- 3) To sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- 4) To abolish the death penalty

We wish Sierra Leone full success in this review.

I thank you.

Ms. Agnese Accapezzato