**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF DJIBOUTI AT THE 30TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 10 MAY 2018**

Mr President,

 We commend the Djibouti government for the steps taken since its last review to eradicate poverty and strengthen the social safety nets for its people, in particular through the implementation of policies such as the 2013-2017 Social Safety Nets Strategy, and the 2014 Universal Health Insurance Scheme which provides basic medical coverage for its entire population.

 We **recommend** that that the government consider expanding the coverage of the National Social Protection Strategy to other vulnerable groups with little means of support, in particular older persons, disadvantaged women and children.

 We commend Djibouti’s efforts to promote the advancement of women in politics and in the workplace since its last review through measures such as the implementation of its 2011–2021 National Gender Policy, legislative reforms, the establishment of a gender monitoring office and the creation of social welfare centres.

We note that the government will embark on an exercise to overhaul Djibouti’s Family Code to comply with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

We **recommend** that the government consult as widely as possible all relevant stakeholders, in particular disadvantaged women and those living in the rural areas, to ensure that their views are taken into account.

As a fellow small state, we wish Djibouti every success in its development efforts and to promote the human rights of its people.

Thank you Mr President.

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