**Statement by H.E. Ambassador John Ronald Deep Ford**

**Permanent Representative of Guyana**

**Third Cycle of the UPR: Presentation of Djibouti’s Report**

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**Palais des Nations**

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Guyana welcome's the distinguished Delegation of Djibouti and congratulates them on their excellent Reporting in this Third UPR Cycle.

Guyana commends Djibouti on the strengthening of its legal framework for the National Human Rights Commission and we applaud the Djibouti Vision 2035 as a clear indication of the Country’s commitment to action for the promotion and protection of the human rights of all its people.

We greatly appreciate the introduction of a quota system for the inclusion of women in elected office and appointment to senior government positions. We recognize this and similar actions as demonstrating a strong indication of the commitment by the Government towards creating a more equal society.

We have two recommendations

**Recommendations:**

1. We welcome the national FGM strategy and recommend continuing and increasing implementation efforts that promote awareness raising actions to change traditional and cultural attitudes and behaviours that would result in the elimination of the problem of female genital mutilation.
2. We recommend enhanced efforts towards addressing food insecurity including secure and adequate water supply systems.

We thank the Government of Djibouti for its cooperation in this UPR process and wishe it a fruitful UPR review and success in its continuing efforts at political, social and economic development.

Thank you.