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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal**

**UPR of Djibouti**

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Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Djibouti.

We appreciate Djibouti’s efforts in implementing the recommendations from previous UPR cycle through legislative, institutional and programmatic measures. We note that the legal framework for the National Human Rights Commission was strengthened by the Act of 2014 with a view to bringing the institution in conformity with the Paris Principles.

The country is putting efforts to combat gender-based violence and domestic violence. We encourage Djibouti to continue awareness-raising activities to counter harmful traditional practices against women, such as the female genital mutilation.

The priority accorded by the Government to education and health sectors is a move in the positive direction from the rights perspective. Promoting universal enrolment in basic education and introduction of the universal health insurance coverage for primary health care are good examples.

We recommend the following for their consideration:

1. Strengthen the national human rights institution and related mechanisms.
2. Continue measures to combat violence and discrimination against women and promote gender equality.

We wish them a successful UPR.

Thank you.