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**Réunion Débat sur la situation en Somalie
Conseil des droits de l'homme
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Déclaration de S.E M.Mohamed Siad Douale

Djibouti would like to wish a warm welcome to M. M. Bahame NYANDUGA in our midst and thank you for a report that contains a summary of the various consultative meetings held, an analysis of the human rights situation and of the emerging issues in Somalia as well as some recommendations. We deplore the fact that the independent expert, due to a variety of factors, the chief of which was the sustained Al-Shabab campaign of terror inside the country could not undertake a field visit.

We'd also like to seize this opportunity to express gratitude to all members of this council who contributed to raising awareness of the human rights situation in Somalia, over the last few years by multiplying avenues for collective reflection and action on the crucial human rights challenges facing Somalia.

Indeed, you are not starting from scratch and you've rightly singled out the stand alone high level interactive dialogue and the recommendations that emanated therefrom.

As rightly underlined in the report, the acts of violence perpetrated by Al-Shabab militants negatively impact on the human rights situation and create a climate of fear, insecurity and uncertainty.

We share the independent expert's concern over the persistent pattern of targeted assassinations of government officials, members of the Somali parliament and attacks on vital institutions such as the parliament and villa Somalia, the seat of government.

The President of Djibouti, His Excellency Ismael Omar Guelleh hosted President Hassan Sheikh Mahamoud 2 days ago, and the two leaders held a very important meeting in which the latter reiterated his profound concern over the threat posed by Al-Shabab.

We are pleased to note that you intend to undertake a rigorous analysis of the legal system in Somalia and engage elders on how Xeer can be made more human-rights compliant. We do not hold the view largely held in some circles that customary law “not only fails to prevent but promotes activities that constitute fundamental breaches of the human rights”. We would rather concur with you that it would be most effective to identify positive aspects within Xeer and develop a linkage between the formal and customary justice systems.

We further share your assessment that there is a need to prioritize implementation of reforms in the justice and security as key components of the six pillars Policy, which aims at ensuring full stability and the supremacy of the law and good governance.

In conclusion, we would like to commend the Somali national forces and AMISOM for their commitment to defeat Al-Shabab and help restore peace, security and stability in Somalia and express our readiness to cooperate with the Independent Expert in the fulfillment of his mandate.

Thank you Mr. President