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**Mission Permanente De la République de Djibouti**  
**Auprès de L'office des Nations Unies**  
**Et des autres Organisations Internationales à Genève**

الدم بعهوثة الدائمة لجمهورية جيبوتي  
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**DECLARATION DE S.E M. MOHAMED-SIAD DOUALEH**  
**AMBASSADEUR, REPRESENTANT PERMANENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE**  
**DE DJIBOUTI A L'OCCASION DE LA SOUMISSION DU RAPPORT**  
**NATIONAL DU KENYA**

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**Mr President,**

Djibouti warmly welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Kenya to the 8th session of the Universal Periodic Review in Geneva led by the Honorable Mutula Kilonzo. We sincerely welcome all the achievements that have been made by Kenya in the spheres of education, health, women's and Children's rights. We would like to reiterate our strong support to the commitment of the government to achieve and promote sustainable peace, stability and justice through the rule of law and respect for human rights through the *Kenya National Dialogue and Reconciliation Framework and the Kenya Vision 2030*.

We are heartened by the fact that Kenya has realised the benefits of free primary education which has led to the growth of the number of the students. Despite the fact that the literacy rate among the girls remains low, we are assured that with the strong governmental commitment, the right to education for the great majority of Kenyans will be fulfilled. Although challenges remain in the fulfilment of Children's right in Kenya, the government demonstrates its strong devotion to the promotion and respect for Human rights and thus fully realises the need to combat domestic violence. In this regard, we welcome the Children's Act that condemns the marriage of those younger than 18. Is the government considering the adoption of national plan on children's right?

We welcome the commitment that the government has made to the realisation of the Millennium Development Goals regarding gender equality and women empowerment by 2015. Djibouti strongly supports the creation of the Women Entrepreneur Fund and the women employment affirmative action.

Although difficulties remain as acknowledged in the report mainly because of a long history of unaddressed human rights violations dating back to the colonial era. Kenya has been undertaking significant steps to combat impunity and improve the Human Rights situation of its citizens. We take note of the fact that Kenya has been adopting prison and police reforms and that is the second country in Africa to implement the witness protection program. The Moratorium on death penalty has been in place since 1987 but is the government considering moving to be a de jure abolitionist of death penalty?

Considering achievements have been made in Kenya regarding the right to health. In particular the introduction of HIV and AIDS Prevention and Control Act that allows more coordinated efforts against the pandemic, once again demonstrates the positive and development that will pave the way to better access to health.

Finally, Mr President Djibouti encourages Kenya to continue to actively cooperate with special procedures, the treaty bodies and the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council.

**Thank you Mr President.**