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**DECLARATION DE S.E.M M.MOHAMED SIAD DOUALEH  
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REPUBLIQUE DE DJIBOUTI A L'OCCASION DE LA 28<sup>Ème</sup>  
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SEGMENT GENERAL**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you, Mr. President, on the assumption of your duties.

Djibouti is pleased to be able to engage constructively on issues on mutual concern with other Members of Council.

We indeed, have a hefty agenda on this 28<sup>th</sup> session to consider, and we are convinced we would be able to foster sustained dialogue and reach crucial decisions.

During this session, we look forward to hearing the update by the Commissions of Inquiry on Eritrea, Gaza and Syria and engage in interactive dialogue on numerous thematic issues, as well as country situations, some of which are in protracted and complex conflict situations.

We echo the concern of those who express their dismay at the alarming rate of conspicuous atrocity against civilians. As shown in the latest report by UNHCR, one of its most striking expressions, namely the outflow of refugees is of particular concern.

The International Community and this Council in particular must ensure that protection of civilians remains a priority. The Council should take vigorous action to enhance compliance with international, humanitarian, human rights and refugee law and strengthen accountability for serious violations.

Terrorism and deliberate targeting of civilians by Al-Shabab, Boko Haram and the likes should also be condemned unequivocally. President Ismail Omar Guelleh of Djibouti in a recent visit to Mogadiscio devoted a large part of his address to the vicious acts by those groups and the spiralling human suffering they cause. “They are not Muslims! They are criminals!” did he exclaim”. “They cannot claim to be leading this country! You should all mobilize against them!”

In conclusion, we reiterated our commitment to continuing dialogue with you and Member States to ensure that UN Resolution 16/18 and the Istanbul process which provides a Forum and identifies specific steps to combat intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination and incitement to violence against persons based on religion and belief are successfully implemented.

Thank you Mr. President