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STATEMENT OF MR DJAMA MAHAMOUD ALI
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI
AT THE OCCASION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORT
OF MAURITIUS

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Mister President,

Djibouti welcomes H.E Jarayama VALAYDEN, Minister for Justice of Mauritius and would like to express its gratitude for the excellent presentation he made on the situation of human rights in his country. We appreciate the all inclusive process which have resulted in the production of this report before us for our consideration.

We share with Mauritius, the idea that economic, social and cultural rights are as important as civil and political rights. It is our view that development in these areas will not only enhance the overall wellbeing of the people but will also have a positive impact of the situation of human rights as a whole.

We have noted with satisfaction that the United Nations Human Development Report has ranked Mauritius among the countries with a high level of human development. This is a clear indication of the determination of the Government of Mauritius towards continues improvement of economic and social wellbeing of its people.

Mr Chairman,

Absolute poverty deprives peoples from the right to have access to medical care, education and to other human rights such as the access to basic necessities like water and shelter; we congratulate Mauritius for placing eradication of absolute poverty high on the government agenda.

Gender mainstreaming is an essential element for respect of the human rights of all and it is a challenge that all governments are currently facing. We applaud that the Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare to monitor the implementation of gender mainstreaming strategies. We would appreciate if the Mauritian delegation could elaborate on the achievement of this unit?

We have noted with satisfaction the establishment of a National Human Rights Commission and that it is operational since April 2001. We have noted also that this Commission made several recommendations in its 2007 annual report. Could the Mauritian delegation tell us how many of these recommendations the government of Mauritius has implemented till now and if recommendation C (regarding police investigations) and recommendation D (regarding measures to be taken to rationalize the system of inspection of prisons and the processing of complaints) are among those implemented?

Thank you Mister President.