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Letter dated 23 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a communiqué from the President of the Republic of Djibouti and current Chairman of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Mr. Ismaïl Omar Guelleh, concerning the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Roble **Olhaye**

Annex to the letter dated 23 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Djibouti to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Concerned about the conflict raging between Ethiopia and Eritrea, the President of the Republic of Djibouti and current Chairman of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Mr. Ismaïl Omar Guelleh, issues an urgent appeal to the two belligerents for the cessation of hostilities.

To this end, the current Chairman of IGAD calls upon the two parties to show restraint and promote the proximity talks and the ongoing dialogue under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in the context of the framework agreement with a view to a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Moreover, deeply concerned about the deterioration of the war situation in the Horn of Africa, which has suffered for too long from interminable wars and the toll of victims, the President of the Republic of Djibouti and current Chairman of IGAD believes that there is an urgent need for the countries of the subregion to mobilize and devote their energies to economic development in order to alleviate the sufferings of our populations who have been battered for too long by the scourge of war.

Djibouti, 18 May 2000
