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**LETTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF DJIBOUTI
REGARDING THE SELECTION OF SREP PILOTS**

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To

Co-Chairs of the SREP Sub-Committee:

Object: Interest to DJIBOUTI to participate in the SREP.

We are writing to you in your capacities as Co-Chairs of the Program for Scaling Up Renewable Energy in Low Income Countries (SREP) to underscore Djibouti's deep We hope that you will share this interest with the members of the SREP Sub-Committee.

Djibouti has an abundance of natural potential to benefit from renewable sources of energy, and we are very committed to scaling up renewable energy to advance the development of our country. [Please find attached the proposal of the authorities].

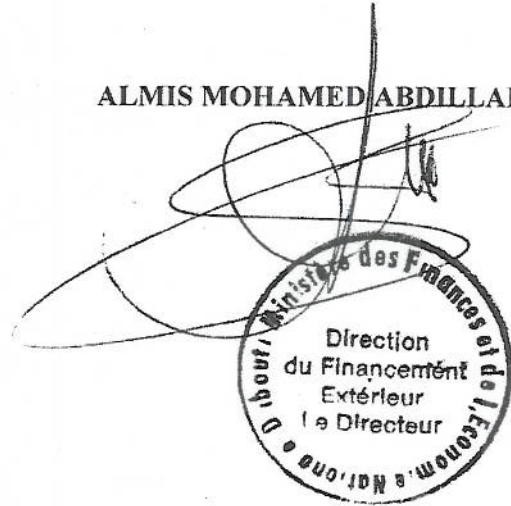
When we were informed of the existence of SREP, we submitted an Expression of Interest to be considered as a pilot under the SREP. We were understandably disappointed when we were not included in the list of six countries selected as pilots under the program. We are aware that the Sub-Committee will be considering at its meeting on November 8, 2010 a supplemental report in which an additional six pilot countries are recommended. We have seen from the report that Djibouti has not been included on this alternate list. Again, we very much regret that the Expert Group did not see fit to include Djibouti among the recommended countries, and we would like to urge the Sub-Committee to consider including Djibouti among the alternate countries. The concept note of the Africa Rift Geothermal Power Investment Program realized by World Bank is also underscored the potential of Djibouti and the need to mobilize SREP for a country like DJIBOUTI. We would first and foremost wish to be considered as a pilot country, but recognizing that our neighbours Kenya and Ethiopia have already been identified as pilot countries, perhaps there may be an opportunity to collaborate with them (particularly with Ethiopia) in a regional initiative for Eaat Africa.

We note that one of the key criteria for selecting pilots is "willingness to undertake a program for renewable energy development that could eventually move the country towards a low carbon development path in the energy sector ..." We would like to assure the Sub-Committee that Djibouti is very committed to achieving a low development path, and we are

well placed to make a significant contribution to achieving the goal of the program to demonstrate the economic, social and environmental viability of low carbon development pathways in the energy sector by creating new economic opportunities and increasing energy access through the use of renewable energy.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

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