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**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY
AND FOR THE MRD IN DJIBOUTI**

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The members of the Socialist International meeting in Council at the United Nations in Geneva, Suisse, on 26-27 June 2018, follow with great concern the denial of democracy, repeated violations of human rights and bad governance which have lasted in Djibouti since the Independence of 1977.

The Government has not implemented the political agreement it signed with the Opposition on December 30th, 2014, following the post-electoral crisis of February 23th, 2013. So that the Parliament elections held on 23 February 2018 were boycotted by the credible opposition for lack of freeness and fairness.

Similarly, the main opposition party in Djibouti, the MRD, has been victim of denial of justice and threatened in its existence, hence the complaint it filed on 21 November 2017 with the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva.

SI cannot be indifferent to this situation which, if left unresolved, could end up in a serious crisis and worsen instability and insecurity in Horn of Africa and on the banks of the Red Sea.

Accordingly, the IS urges President Ismael Omar Guelleh to:

- end repression, human rights violations and denial of democracy,
 - implement the political agreement of the 30 December 2014 and put therefore in place democratic reforms such as a Joint Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and a status for Opposition, necessary conditions for free and fair elections,
 - restore the rights and legality of MRD and stop arbitrarily refusing or arbitrarily ending Opposition parties and Civil Society organizations legal registration as shown by the case the Human Rights Djiboutian League.
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