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**STATEMENT OF MR. ADOU M. ALI  
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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
DJIBOUTI TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

**BEFORE THE FIFTH COMMITTEE 67<sup>TH</sup>  
SECOND RESUMED SESSION OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**ON AGENDA ITEM 164: FINANCING OF THE  
ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SECURITY  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1863 (2009)**

**(NEW YORK, 8 MAY 2013)**

**Mr Chairman,**

At the outset, Djibouti Delegation associates itself with the statements made by the representative of Cote d'Ivoire on behalf of African Group on the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

I have the honor to speak on the agenda item Financing of the Activities Arising from Security Council Resolution 1863 (2009).

I would like to thank Ms. Maria Eugenia Casar, Controller/Assistant Secretary-General, for introducing the Secretary-General's report on Financing Activities Arising from the Security Council Resolution 1863 (Somalia) (AMISOM) for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014. I would also like to thank Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for introducing the Committee's related report.

My delegation recalls resolution 1863 (2009), by which the Security Council authorized UNSOA to provide a logistical support package for AMISOM and expanded the mandate in subsequent Resolutions. Also the Security Council resolution 2036 (2012) decided to expand the logistical support package for AMISOM to include the reimbursement of contingent owned equipment including force enablers and multipliers.

**Mr Chairman,**

The Secretary General has clearly stated in his report that UNSOA will continue its construction programme, which will include additional permanent infrastructure at critical operational locations, and will expand its major support base in Mogadishu as well as at the three sector logistic hubs in Kismaayo, Baidoa and Beledweyne to ensure timely support to AMISOM.

In this connection, my Delegation welcomes budget Proposal submitted by the Secretary-General for 2013/14, totalling of US\$448,439,200, while expressing concern about the estimated unencumbered balance of \$2,671,900 for 2012/13 as well as the ACABQ reduction of US\$ 9,368,200, from 2013/14 budget, especially from **Construction services, Maintenance Services and Consultants.**

**Mr. Chairman,**

In fact, as a Member of TCC to AMISOM, My Delegation attaches great importance to above mentioned areas and consider them as key sectors which have to receive adequate funding, in order for AMSIOM to fulfil its mandate. The challenges on the ground are numerous. Since November 2012, when the main deployment of the Djibouti troops took place in Beledweyne until today, our troops are facing extremely challenging conditions. I have to highlight that we have repeatedly brought to the attention of the Secretariat at Headquarters and to UNSOA of the serious concerns of our troops in Beledweyne, particularly with regard to **Construction services, Maintenance**

**Services and air support, spare parts, water and food supply, insufficient housing and medical care.** I am sorry to say that the response has so far been extremely slow. This situation needs to be redressed as soon as possible.

Therefore, we urge the Secretariat to assess and ensure the critical needs of the troops and expedite logistical support for AMISOM in timely manner.

My Country remains fully committed to conduct through AMISOM peace Support Operation in Somalia to stabilize the Security situation, working closely with the Federal Government of Somalia.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Finally, we recognize the significant progress made in Somalia over the past year and we pay tribute to peacekeepers that always play a crucial role in peace support activities in various parts of the world, often under very challenging conditions.

My delegation is ready to engage constructively with other delegations during informal consultations on this agenda item.

I thank you.