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Statement from the Embassy of Sweden, Addis Abeba

Distinguished delegates, IGAD colleagues, ladies, and gentlemen!

It is a great pleasure to be with you here today.

Sweden joined the IDDRSI Family in October 2018. Our first contribution came at a critical moment when the IDDRSI regional platform coordination unit was in bad need of finance to bridge the funding gap until the second phase of support for IDDRSI regional platform coordination is secured from the African Development Bank.

Our participation in IDDRSI came as a result of the Swedish government's decision to scale up its contribution to the resilience agenda in the Horn of Africa in January 2018 by providing additional resource of 800 Million Swedish Kronor for a period of four years.

During our participation in IDDRSI, we have witnessed the fact that, the IDDRSI platform coordination unit, together with the Member States, have delivered remarkable outputs.

As the duration for the Swedish contribution I mentioned above enters the final year of implementation, Sweden commissioned an evaluation of our contribution to the Horn of Africa Resilience which is implemented not only under IDDRSI coordination platform but also through bilateral support in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Uganda.

It is our hope that the outcome of this evaluation will inform the design of our future engagement.

Finally, we highly welcome the decision made by the Board of the African Development Bank in which Sweden is a member, to approve the next phase of their support for resilience in the region.

I would also like to express our appreciation for the efforts being made by the Member States of IGAD to build resilience in spite of the ever-increasing magnitude and complexity of hazards hitting the region. In this regard, I would like to congratulate those reporting the number of people who have benefited from the interventions and about the livestock asset that is saved. It is in fact people's lives and livelihoods that matters most at the end of the day. This is how it can be shown that IDDRSI is achieving results.

Thank you!