

Your Excellency Honorable guest of honor

Your Excellency Dr. Workneh Gebeyehu - The IGAD Executive Secretary

Honorable representatives of development partners

Honorable representatives of international and regional organizations

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

I am pleased to be here to attend and participate in this vital meeting, the 14th IDDRSI Platform Steering Committee under the theme of Consolidating the Path to Resilience and Sustainability: Scaling up humanitarian actions and resilience investments.

This meeting aim mainly to review and follow what achieved so far nationally and regionally, to determine the constraints and challenges we meet lesson learned been derived.

We thank the government and people of the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for generously hosting this important meeting and for their hospitality since our arrival to the beautiful city of Addis Ababa.

Although we are responsible as Member States for the implementation of the drought resilience interventions in our respective countries, there is still much needs to be done differently and innovatively, to guarantee the achievement of the IDDRSI goals, regarding climate change, conflicts resolution, economic shocks, food insecurity, and floods which have worsened critical the vulnerability and severely undermined the livelihoods of our communities. To overcome all that mentioned above, I want to stress here the need for knowledge sharing, coordination at national

and regional level and get the opportunity of Sudan with its huge resources, water, land and other potentialities, we have to your efforts and building synergies and partnership to achieve our goals all together,

I hope that we will have a fruitful meeting and consultations and come up with a clear applicable recommendation to achieve our goals.