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23 May 1987

**RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT HASSAN  
GOULED APTIDON**

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Thank you for your letter of 13 May proposing the Prime Minister should send a short message of congratulations to the President of Djibouti on the occasion of his re-election. I am sure the Prime Minister would be content to send a brief message. Would you please despatch the slightly shorter version enclosed.

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT OF DJIBOUTI

On your re-election as President of the Republic of Djibouti,  
I extend my congratulations and very good wishes to you and  
the people of Djibouti during your forthcoming term of office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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13 May 1987

Dear Charles,

Re-election of President Hassan Gouled Aptidon

President Hassan Gouled Aptidon of Djibouti was re-elected President at the end of April, in elections in which he was the sole candidate. Our Ambassador in Sana'a, who represents the UK in Djibouti, has recommended that the Prime Minister should send a message of good wishes for the President's new term of office.

The Foreign Secretary thinks that it would be worthwhile for the Prime Minister to send a short message. Our main interest in Djibouti is that it provides valuable port facilities for use of ships of the Armilla patrol who make use of them regularly. Its facilities also offer a potentially secure base for evacuation plans for various countries in the region, as the Aden crisis demonstrated last year. President Hassan recently criticised the "anglophone" countries for lack of interest in Djibouti; and the French, who bear the expense and responsibility of supporting Djibouti, have told us that they would welcome any gestures of UK political support. Our commercial interests are limited, but a UK company is now seeking a major consultancy project for the port.

We would arrange for the transmission of the message, in French, to Djibouti.

Yours ever,  
L. Parker

(L Parker)  
Private Secretary

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The President of Djibouti

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On your re-election as President of the Republic of Djibouti, I extend my congratulations and very good wishes to you and the people of Djibouti during your forthcoming term of office. ~~I am confident that under your leadership the Republic of Djibouti will continue to play a valuable role in the search for economic development, peace and stability in the Horn of Africa.~~

Enclosures flag(s) .....

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