



Statement on Djibouti's Accusations

Recently the Government of the Republic of Djibouti has formally filed complaints to the United Nations Security Council, League of Arab States and the African Peace and Security Council about a purported border problem with Eritrea.

The Government of Eritrea is perplexed by this unfounded accusation. And while it may require time and further information to probe and fully understand the motivations behind this groundless accusation, it nonetheless bears all the hallmarks of a deliberate desire to unleash a new crisis in our region. In the event, the Government of Eritrea is not prepared to engage in a fruitless public acrimony at this stage.

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