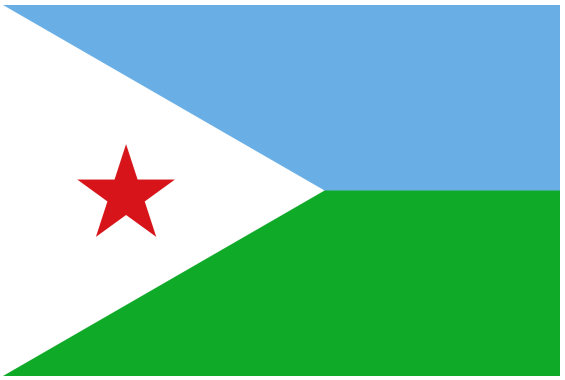
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# Republic of Djibouti

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# POSITION OF DIJBOUTI REGARDING WATER FLOW CRISES WORLDWIDE



## General information

Djibouti has very scarce freshwater resources. Djibouti does not have any permanent rivers but it has Wadis, which are permanently or intermittently dry riverbeds. Djibouti has three relatively major saltwater lakes, the Lac Assal, the Lac Goubet and the Lac Abbe. They are mainly used for salt extraction. Freshwater resource access is thus of utmost importance for Djibouti's existence. In general, the country has renewable water resources of only 185 cubic meters per inhabitant per year, putting it way below the 500 cubic meter threshold for absolute water scarcity. Much freshwater in Djibouti is now imported by aqueduct from Ethiopia. Linked to this, Djibouti has a 30-year agreement for 100'000 cubic meters per day of drinking water from Ethiopian wells.

## Position on the matter and proposed solutions

Djibouti, will due to the aqueduct be dependent upon Ethiopia's positions. Djibouti's president has assisted in the opening of the Grand Ethiopian Resistance Dam, and proposed that the dam should be a source of regional cooperation rather than conflict. Djibouti will support a peaceful negotiation discussion regarding the use of the Nile.

## Potential Blocks

Djibouti has received international hydrological aid from the People's Republic of China and Ethiopia. A delegate representing Djibouti may thus be tempted to align with China and Ethiopia, which in 2017 completed construction of a cross-border aqueduct providing Djibouti with Ethiopian water. Thus, Djibouti is both dependent upon Chinese goodwill and water availability in Ethiopia. Nevertheless, Djibouti has been hedging its dependence upon Ethiopia in recent years by improving diplomatic relations with Egypt, especially regarding red sea access.

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