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Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Sri Lanka lead by Honorable Mahinda Samarasinghe, Special Envoy of the President on Human Rights, and note with appreciation the progress made by the Government of Sri Lanka for a sustainable political engagement in the country.

We welcomes the national plan of the Government of Sri Lanka to implement the recommendations of the Lesson learnt and Reconciliation Committee (LLRC) and the translation of the text in to two official languages of the country.

We would also like to ask explanation on the measures taken by the Government on implementation of the recommendations of the national reconciliation mechanism.

My delegation would like to recommend to the Government of Sri Lanka to disseminate the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights amongst general population in local languages so as to ensure wider participation in the implementation process, thereby empowering "claims holders" in asserting and protecting their rights.

Thank you