



**STATEMENT**

**BY**

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Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Burundi and appreciates the comprehensive report presented to the Council.

We note with appreciation the progress made by the Government of Burundi in poverty reduction, protection of women and children rights and in improving prison conditions in the country.

It is also highly encouraging to see the ongoing process and initiative of the Government of Burundi to amend the Criminal Code to make it consistent with international human rights obligations of the country.

My delegation would like further explanation on the efforts of the Government of Burundi in Promotion of democracy, good governance, poverty reduction as well as empowerment of women.

Finally, my delegation extends its best wishes to Burundi in its future endeavors to build capacity on sustainable development, strengthening human-rights based culture and further entrenching the establish rule of law.

**Thank you**