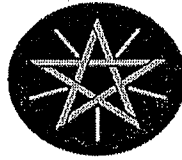


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**THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA
AT 15th SESSION OF UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF MALI
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Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Mali lead by *H.E. COULIBALY MALICK, Minister of Justice* and appreciates the comprehensive report presented to the Council.

We are particularly pleased to note the efforts of Government of Mali to put in place legal and policy frameworks to improve the human rights situation in the country. We commend the establishment of the National Action Committee on the Eradication of Harmful Practices.

We would like to encourage the Government to continue on its effort to fight Female Genital Mutilations, FGM, and other harmful traditional practices.

We call the International Community to extend the necessary support to the efforts of Mali to reestablish rule of law in the entire country.

In conclusion, my delegation extends its best wishes to Mali in its future endeavors towards the promotion and protection of Human rights and rule of law in the country.

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