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Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Russian Federation led by H.E. Alexander Konovalov, Minister of justice.

We commend the comprehensive and informative report of the Russian Federation. We note with satisfaction the efforts of the Russian Federation to implement the recommendations of the Council.

We commend the Russian Federation for significantly increasing the legislative and institutional measures to fight discrimination against minority groups and migrants. We welcome the work done by the Government in raising awareness on discrimination-related problems in the society.

Noting these and other positive developments, my delegation would like to ask further explanation on the measures taken by the Government of the Russian Federation in fighting discrimination.

My delegation would like to recommend;

To further strengthen the legal and policy frameworks for the protection of the rights of women, children, persons with disabilities and elderly persons.

Finally, we wish the delegation of the Russian Federation success and fruitful dialogue.

**Thank you**