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**The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
On the Universal Periodic Review of Congo**

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Congo led by H.E. Mr. Bienvenu Okiemy, Minister of Communication and Relationship with the Parliament, Government Spokesman of Congo, to the 17th session of the UPR Working Group.

We thank the delegation for the report and comprehensive presentation. We are pleased by the positive progress in several areas of human rights and note with appreciation Congo's engagement with stake holders in the preparation process of this report.

We note with appreciation Congo's commitment to the Human Rights Council through its participation in the UPR mechanisms of the Council.

We are also happy to note that Congo has implemented significant number of recommendations of the first cycle UPR.

While welcoming the development in the judicial system, we encourage Congo to continue in its endeavor to improve capacity of the judges and lawyers.

We would also like to recommend Congo to continue in its endeavour to tackle child mortality and morbidity in the country.

Finally, we wish success to the delegation of Congo in its engagement with the Human Rights Council.

Thank you