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

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Malaysia led by H.E. Ms. Dato Ho May Yong, Deputy secretary General of Multilateral Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the report and comprehensive presentation.

We are delighted by the positive progress in several areas of human rights and note with appreciation Malaysia's engagement with stake holders in the preparation process of this report.

We commend the Government of Malaysia for the additional efforts exerted in preparing the report and the progress made in implementing the first cycle UPR recommendations.

The Government of Malaysia's commitment in ensuring the empowerment of women is evident in the initiative under the tenth Malaysia's plan focusing on, inter alia, increasing women's participation in labour force; increasing the number of women in key decision-making positions; and improving the provisions in support women in challenging circumstances such as widows, single mother and those with low incomes.

While acknowledging the challenges faced by Malaysia, we would like to recommend to the delegation of Malaysia to,

1. continue efforts to empower women and underprivileged segments of the society.
2. take necessary measures to increase the percentage of women's in decision making positions in private and corporate sectors
3. continue to improve the criminal justice system for children including by making the court more child-friendly and to come up with specialised response to children in conflict with the law.

Finally, we wish success to the delegation of Malaysia in its engagement with the Council.

**Thank you**