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**Statement****By****The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia  
On the Universal Periodic Review of Mauritius**

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Mauritius led by H.E. Mr, Arvin Boolell, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mauritius, to the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group.

We wish to congratulate Mauritius for the excellent preparation of the review and for the high standard of its national report.

We commend the government of Mauritius for adopting an implementing legislation to give effect to the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in persons. We also welcome the effort to tackle the negative attitude towards disability and measures taken to extend the provision of legal assistance to pre criminal proceeding.

We note with application the creation of the human rights portal to provide information for Government officials, NHRIs, Human Rights NGOs.

While welcoming the Act on Training and Employment of Disabled Persons, we would like to recommend to Mauritius to continue increasing skill development programs to public officers and staff, hospital staff and police officers on how to assist persons with disabilities as well as to children with special needs.

Finally, we wish success to the delegation of Mauritius in their engagement with the Council.

**Thank you**