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**Statement
By
The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
On the Universal Periodic Review of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Viet Nam led by H.E. Ha Kim Ngoc, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the 18th session of the UPR Working Group.

We thank the delegation for the report and comprehensive presentation.

We note with appreciation the ongoing participatory process to amend the Constitution and other laws to create strong legal foundations to further entrench human rights values in Viet Nam.

We welcome the ongoing national campaign on birth registration, progress made in reduction of statelessness as well as special attention given to disadvantaged groups and members of the society in the fields of housing and education.

We further commend Viet Nam for taking significant measures to improve the life of its people by working on comprehensive and sustainable poverty reduction programs and congratulate Viet Nam for attaining the Millennium Development Goals in this regard.

We would like to recommend to Viet Nam,

1. To continue in its endeavour for a broad based, sustainable and participatory development framework to reach the disadvantaged groups of the society;
2. To exert more effort on further reduction of child mortality rate; and
3. To work on policies and strategies to enhance awareness on gender issues.

Finally, we express our best wishes to the delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in its engagement with the Council.