

**Statement by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia**  
**on**  
**the Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Costa Rica**

We welcome the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica led by H.E. Mrs. Gioconda Ubeda Rivera, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship to the 19th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council. We thank the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica for the comprehensive report and presentation to the Working Group.

We welcome measures taken by Costa Rica to fight violence against women, including through establishment of a High Level Commission to monitor compliance with the Violence against Women Act. We commend the Republic of Costa Rica for the promulgation of the Trafficking in Persons Act and the establishment of a National Coalition against the Smuggling of Migrants and Human Trafficking.

We would like to recommend to the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica to:

1. strengthen measures taken to combat trafficking in persons, in particular children and women; and
2. intensify efforts to promote access to education and extend its coverage to all levels of the school.

Finally, my delegation wishes the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica a fruitful deliberation in its engagement with the Council.

**I thank you.**