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**Statement****By****The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia****On the Universal Periodic Review of Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Democratic People's Republic of Korea led by H.E. So Se Pyong, Ambassador, permanent representative of DPRK in Geneva to the 19th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the national report and presentation.

We are encouraged that, according to the Report of the United Nations Country Team in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the country is on track to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4 on reducing child mortality, despite facing number of challenges.

We share the concern of the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the funding shortfalls facing the United Nations Agencies in carrying out their programs in the country and we call the international community to step up its provision of adequate and sustainable funding for humanitarian assistance efforts in DPRK

My delegation would like to forward the following recommendations

- i. Take measures to ensure international humanitarian aid reaches the most venerable and needy;
- ii. Introduce advanced teaching methods to improve quality education in the country and further promote cooperation with relevant international organizations and foreign countries in this regard

- iii. Make efforts to explore options and introduce to new methodologies with a view to raise awareness of human rights in the country.

Finally, we wish success to the delegation of Democratic People's Republic of Korea in its engagement with the Human Rights Council.

Thank you