

Statement by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
on
the Universal Periodic Review of the Democratic Republic of Congo

We welcome the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo to the 19th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council. We thank the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo for the comprehensive report and presentation to the Working Group.

We commend the Democratic Republic of Congo for beginning the process of ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We note with appreciation the introduction of free primary education in the country. We welcome measures taken by the Government to combat sexual violence in the country, including through the adoption of a National Strategy to Combat Sexual and Gender-Based Violence.

We would like to recommend to the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo to:

1. Strengthen efforts to enhance the capacities of the law enforcement agencies and the judicial organs; and
2. Strengthen measures to progressively ensure free primary education.

Finally, my delegation wishes the delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo fruitful deliberation in its engagement with the Council.

I thank you.