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

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

We commend the Republic of Equatorial Guinea for the measures taken to reduce maternal and infant mortality and improve rural health. We welcome measures taken to combat corruption, including through the introduction of the duty to declare assets in the reformed 2012 Constitution and the establishment of the National Public Ethics Commission. We take note with appreciation the effective integration of persons with disabilities in to the national security system.

We would like to recommend to the delegation of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to:

1. Consider ratifying the United Nations Convention against Corruption;
2. Consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
3. Intensify efforts to ensure access to education, including efforts to increase enrolment and completion rates.

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

I thank you.