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The Republic of Uganda

On the occasion of the Universal Periodic Review of Ethiopia 19th Session

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Uganda welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia led by H.E. Amba. Berhane Gebre-Christos, State Minister of Foreign Affairs to the 19th Session of the UPR and commend them on presenting a very comprehensible report.

Uganda notes with appreciation the progress that the Ethiopia Government has made in a number of areas:

- 1. The government has implemented policies, and vital agricultural programmes to boost Food security;
- 2. The government is engaged in watershed management activities, protection of the environment and provision of potable water, and programmes for conservation of land and water resources;
- 3. The government has established non-formal and adult education to boost the literacy rate in the Country;
- 4. The government has established the Health Development Army-mainly composed of the women to work together with the health extension workers.
- 5. The creation of the National Human Rights Action Plan, designed to ensure the full implementation of fundamental and democratic rights.

We recommend that:

- 1. Ethiopia ratifies the Kampala Convention on Refugees and Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs).
- 2. Ethiopia calls upon the International community in implementing and disseminating human rights instruments through technical assistance and capacity building programmes.

Thank you, Mr. President