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Intervention by H.E Ambassador Modest Mero, Permanent Representative, Tanzania mission to UN, Geneva, during the Consideration of UPR report on Ethiopia

Mr. President,

Tanzania thanks the distinguished high level delegation of Ethiopia for providing update report on the progress achieved since the last review.

We commend Ethiopia's effort in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country despite numerous challenges such as poverty, resource constraints, lack of capacity and climate change impacts. We commend Ethiopia for embarking on the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) for 2010 to 2015, which sets a medium-term vision to transform the nation a middle-income economy. We further welcome Ethiopia registered economic growth over the last ten conservative years with an annual average growth rate of GDP of 10.9%.

We take positively note of the government's adopted policies and strategies for economic development and political transformation.

Finally, we would like to encourage Ethiopia to continue reinforcing its efforts to attaining gender parity at all levels of its education system as well as intensify its efforts to achievement of MDGs goals such as reduction of child mortality, access to schools and provision of health services to the public.

I thank you,