



**ZAMBIA'S STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF UNIVERSAL PERIODIC
REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA – 6TH MAY,
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Thank you Mr. President,

Zambia welcomes the delegation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and commends the government for taking measures such as the adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan leading to successful implementation of some of the recommendations which were accepted during the Countries' last review. We commend Ethiopia for its Constitutional guarantee of human rights and for enacting laws aimed at furthering the Human rights system in the country.

We also commend Ethiopia for adopting national policies and strategies aiming at economic development and political transformation in order to address economic, social justice and good governance. The high economic growth and plans to accelerate and sustain it are impressive. We note efforts to eradicate poverty, reduction in child mortality,

increased access to schools and provision of health services to the public which must be supported by all.

While noting such successes Zambia recommends that in the area of right to work and to just and favourable conditions of work, Ethiopia should introduce minimum wage legislation reasonable enough to provide all workers and their families with a decent standard of living. Further Ethiopia should consider enforcing women's equal rights to land lease contracts with foreign companies that should protect them against forced evictions, internal displacement and avoid increased food insecurity and poverty of the local populations.

While noting Ethiopia's hospitality to migrants and refugees, Zambia recommends Ethiopia to continue with her efforts to protect the rights of unaccompanied and separated children and female refugees who have been victims of sexual and gender based violence and harmful traditional practices.

Zambia wishes Ethiopia every success during this second Universal Periodic Review.

I thank you