

CONCLUDING REMARKS

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Mr. President

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to you Mr. President and to all delegations for their comments and recommendations as well as to the members of the Troika, the Secretariat and the interpreters for facilitating the interactive dialogue on Ethiopia's Second Cycle Universal Periodic Review.

I am very much encouraged by the interactive dialogue and valuable comments made in the course of this session. I hope we have given sufficient clarity to the questions and issues raised during the debate. On our side, we have found the debate fruitful and comprehensive. Due to time constraints, we may not have addressed all questions raised during the interactive dialogue. I assure all delegations that we will give due consideration to all questions raised and strive to respond to all of them before the adoption of the outcome report during the 27th session of the Human Rights Council.

Mr. President

The Government of Ethiopia is firmly committed to the promotion and protection of human rights, civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights including the right to development. We are committed to take all the necessary measures to ensure respect for the human rights obligation of the country. We are also committed to further deepen respect for the human and democratic rights of peoples and individuals. Human rights and participatory democracy are critical for Ethiopia to ensure our vision of bringing about a participatory, broad-based sustainable economic development. We are committed to continue our efforts to

build the democratic institutions of the country. We are committed to further consolidate the rule of law in the country.

Ethiopia has created conditions that would ensure the promotion and protection of the rights to freedom of expression and information, freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom of association, and public participation as they are essential for achieving the realization of all human rights for all, and related development goals.

We are committed to further ensuring the freedom of the media and private media organizations, and guaranteeing the right of the public to have access to information. We have established conditions that have been facilitating the flourishing of grass root, members based and members driven civil society groups.

We are determined to continue strengthening our democratic and constitutional order, and further build on the high-levels of economic and social growth registered by our country in an equitable and sustainable manner.

We shall further strengthen our contribution to the maintenance of peace and security, promotion of good governance and development in Africa.

My Government is fully committed to further enhance its cooperation with the Universal Review Mechanism of the Human Rights Council and continue our active participation in the activities of the Council.

I thank you

