

19th Session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Ethiopia
Statement by Amb. Daw Penjo, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bhutan
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to extend a warm welcome to the high level delegation of Ethiopia and congratulate them for their excellent presentation made this morning.

Bhutan notes with appreciation the implementation of many recommendations received by Ethiopia during its first review. This is a testimony of its commitment to uphold the fundamental rights of its people.

Bhutan also lauds Ethiopia's significant progress in integrating the principle of sustainable development into the country's development policies and programs. This is what has also guided Bhutan's development.

We would like to recommend Ethiopia:

1. To take the necessary measures to open the office of the Federal Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission in the remaining two National Regional States;
2. To further improve the conditions of prisons to make them more conducive to the rehabilitation of inmates as per the comment of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission.
3. Further enhance engagement with civil society groups registered in the country, including local youth and women associations, in the promotion and protection of human rights.

I thank You, Mr. President