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ETHIOPIA

Mister President,

The Republic of Cyprus welcomes Ethiopia's participation in the 2nd cycle of the UPR and the country's National Report on the progress made concerning the implementation of the 1st cycle recommendations.

Cyprus wishes to commend the measures that the Government of Ethiopia has taken to implement its international human rights obligations. We also welcome the initiatives undertaken in the security and justice sectors to address violence against women and children.

Despite the adoption of the Criminal Code of 2005 criminalizing harmful traditional practices and the pertinent efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, female genital mutilation remains widespread, particularly in Afar and Oromia Regions.

Cyprus would like to recommend that the Government of Ethiopia:

- Intensifies efforts to sensitize all stakeholders to prevent female genital mutilation; and
- Enhances its endeavors to abolish corporal punishment of children.

I thank you Mister President.