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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Ethiopia and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. We wish to thank the delegation for the comprehensive report that the delegation has presented, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system. We believe that Ethiopia has taken several measures in the past few years, aiming at sustained progress in its efforts to fulfill the broadest possible enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all.

We welcome the strengthening of the inter-institutional human rights system, which indicates Ethiopia's assertion to push forward the promotion and protection of human rights. Egypt supports Ethiopia in its ongoing endeavors to promote and protect human rights. In a spirit of positive and constructive dialogue, Egypt would present the following recommendations, hoping that Ethiopia will consider their adoption:

- 1- To continue current efforts to ensure equality between men and women.
- 2- To continue strengthening the role and contribution of the family in the society.
- 3- To continue to build the capacity of health and social services to provide care to children with disabilities.
- 4- To strengthen current measures ensuring that primary education was free and compulsory for all children.

I thank you Mr. President.