

Statement of Armenia for the UPR of Ethiopia

Thank you, Mr. President.

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia, and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We would like to stress the friendly relations existing between our 2 nations. The presence of the Armenian community in Ethiopia has a centuries old history. Armenia particularly appreciates the generosity of the Ethiopian people and government, who hosted and integrated the survivors of the Armenian Genocide at the beginning of the 20th century.

Armenia commends the commitment of Ethiopia to the promotion of human rights, including respect for minority rights, cultural diversity and tolerance. In this regard, we are concerned about the reports of recent casualties in the state of Oromia. Armenia hopes that Ethiopia will continue to make efforts to further promote human rights, as a basis for encouraging tolerance and diversity in the country.

Lastly, we note Ethiopia's human rights awareness-raising programs, inter alia, through the translation of international human rights instruments into different national languages.

We have 2 recommendations for Ethiopia:

- 1) To further promote tolerance and dialogue between different ethnic and religious groups.
- 2) To further develop and expand human rights awareness-raising programs in the country.

Thank you, Mr. President.