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Mr. President,

The Kenyan delegation welcomes the high-level delegation of Ethiopia to this meeting. We commend Ethiopia for her commitment to fully implement the recommendations already accepted in the first UPR cycle.

We have noted some important progress made since the last review which includes the adoption of a National Human Rights Action Plan in June 2013, and the formation of the National Human Rights Commission. We also welcome the recent ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict.

The present report also highlights challenges in the functional capacities of the Human Rights Commission and the Office of the Ombudsman which are acknowledged.

Recommendations

Kenya therefore wishes to present the following one recommendation:

to strengthen the institutional capacities of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission as well as the Office of the Ombudsman.

In closing, Kenya commends the delegation of Ethiopia for this fruitful interaction; and we wish the Government the successful implementation of the outcomes of this meeting.

I thank you.