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**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic
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Mr. President,

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the delegation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and notes with satisfaction that over the past four years Ethiopia has worked hard on implementation of the recommendations accepted in the 1st UPR cycle. Since 2009, Ethiopia undertook the reforms in order to strengthen its legislative, institutional and policy mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights.

Ethiopia has enacted and amended various laws and other legislation in support of human rights, including the National Human Rights Action Plan.

My delegation notes the implementation of the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) for 2010-2015, which sets a medium-term vision to transform the country with a middle-income economy through the participation and free will of the people, democratic rule, good-governance and social justice.

Also, we emphasize the establishment of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission.

Mr. President,

Ethiopia has continued its efforts to ensure the peace and security of its citizens, to advance and strengthen democracy and good governance

Kyrgyzstan recommends Ethiopia to introduce a definition of torture in its Criminal Code that cover all of the elements contained in article 1 of the Convention against Torture.

Mr. President,

My delegation strongly encourages Ethiopia to further strengthen institutions that promote human rights, democracy, good governance and the rule of law.

I thank you!