

Statement
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Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia to the 19th Session of the UPR Working Group and would like to thank for the presentation of a comprehensive National Report.

My delegation notes with appreciation that Ethiopia has adopted the National Human Rights Action Plan and has enacted national laws to further strengthen the human rights system of the country.

The Lao delegation takes note that the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission has opened its branch offices in various cities to advance human rights development in the country.

We also welcome the efforts made by the Ethiopian Government to promote gender mainstreaming in all sectors and to ensure equitable access to quality education at all level as well as to provide free primary education to all citizens.

In this regard, my delegation wishes recommend that the Government of Ethiopia continues its cooperation with the UN and other International Organizations to overcome the remaining constraint challenges.

I thank you, Mr. President