

STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**Review of Ethiopia****19TH Session of UPR Working Group of Human Rights Council****06 MAY 2014****Mr. President**

The Lesotho ^{delegation} warmly welcomes the presence of Ethiopian to the 2nd cycle of the Universal Period Review. Lesotho appreciates the inclusive process undertaken by the Government of Ethiopia in preparation of its national report with the active involvement of civil society.

Lesotho also welcomes the measures taken by the Government of Ethiopia in the field of human rights, in particular the continuing efforts towards the protection of the rights of special groups of people, such as people living with disabilities, women and children.

Mr. President,

While noting the acknowledgement by the Government of Ethiopia of the challenges that they face in the promotion and protection of human rights, Lesotho would like to make the following recommendations:

- Lesotho would like to recommend that Ethiopia remains steadfast in pursuing its impressive policies towards gender equality, particularly by strengthening measures to eradicate gender-based violence.
- Ethiopia should continue implementing its national laws in accordance with the universally agreed human rights norms and principles

Finally, Lesotho wishes Ethiopia all the success in implementing the progressive and human rights friendly laws it has enacted.

I thank you