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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Ethiopia
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the high-level delegation of Ethiopia and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. Malaysia commends Ethiopia for the establishment of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and the adoption of its National Human Rights Action Plan (NHRAP). Malaysia, in this regard, encourages the Government to provide adequate human and financial resources to ensure the effectiveness of the EHRC and the proper implementation of the NHRAP.

3. We note positively Ethiopia's commitment towards eradicating poverty and realising the economic, social and cultural rights of its people, in particular as regards food security, education and health.

4. In the spirit of constructive engagement, Malaysia wishes to make the following **four** recommendations for the consideration of Ethiopia.

- 4.1. One: to step up efforts to improve health services for all its citizens, especially in the rural areas;
- 4.2. Two: to redouble its efforts to provide quality education for children and implement programmes that would encourage them to go to school;
- 4.3. Three: to continue its positive campaigning to raise awareness on women's social and political rights; and
- 4.4. Four: to develop programmes to combat violence against women.

I thank you.

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6 May 2014

Ethiopia's recommendations during Malaysia's second UPR (all accepted)

1. Continue efforts to empower women and underprivileged segments of the society
2. Take necessary measures to increase the percentage of women in decision making positions in private and corporate sectors
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Malaysia did not participate during Ethiopia's first UPR in 2009.