



STATEMENT BY MAURITIUS AT THE 19TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP-
CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF ETHIOPIA
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Mr President

We would like to thank H.E. Mr. B. Gebre-Christos, State Minister of Foreign Affairs for the detailed presentation of the national UPR report of Ethiopia.

Mauritius congratulates the Government of Ethiopia for implementing most of the recommendations of its first UPR cycle and for its commitment to fulfilling its obligations under various UN treaty bodies since its last review.

The adoption of the national program on good governance and the creation of the Ministry of Civil Service as well as the various measures taken by the Government towards poverty reduction, elimination of discrimination against women, tackling sexual violence against women, promoting the rights of the child, providing better health services to its citizens, among others clearly demonstrate the commitment of the Government of Ethiopia to the promotion and protection of human rights of its people. We encourage Ethiopia to continue its relentless efforts in this regard.

We welcome the adoption of the National Human Rights Action Plan and the establishment of the Human Rights Commission. We commend the inclusive nature of the consultations held in this regard and the opening of branch offices of the Human Rights Commission in several parts of the country. We recommend the strengthening of the role and mandate of the Commission.

Mauritius also notes with appreciation the implementation of Ethiopia's Strategic General Education Quality Improvement Package aimed at enhancing the quality of education in the country. We recommend that the Government continues to provide free and accessible education to all its citizens with the help of the relevant UN agencies and financial institutions.

I thank you, Mr President.