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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Maung Wai  
Permanent Representative/ Ambassador  
of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
at the UPR Working Group Session  
on Ethiopia  
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**Mr. President,**

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia led by H.E. Mr. Berhane Gebre-Christos, State Minister of Foreign Affairs. We thank the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

My delegation would like to commend Ethiopia for achieving an high annual average economic growth rate of 10.9 % over the ten consecutive years. [Furthermore, we congratulate Ethiopia for its poverty eradication efforts as proportion of people living below the poverty line has declined from 38.7 % in 2004-2005 to 27.8 % in 2011-2012.]

My delegation notes with appreciation for the measures taken by Ethiopia to eradicate harmful traditional practices.

**Mr. President,**

With the constructive spirit, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- To continue addressing the challenges in poverty reduction;
- To further pursue the national strategy and action plan on the elimination of harmful traditional practices and female genital mutilation.

My delegation wishes Ethiopia a great success.

I thank you, **Mr. President.**

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