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### UPR of Ethiopia – Statement by Norway

Norway welcomes the development of the Ethiopian National Human Rights Action Plan.

We recommend the establishment of mechanisms for meaningful participation of civil society at federal and regional level in the process of implementing and monitoring the National Action Plan.

We are concerned about the working environment for the civil society and political space for opposition parties in the run up to the 2015 elections.

We recommend that the Charities and Societies Proclamation is amended to allow civil society to work on human rights issues, including women's rights, without restrictions relating to the origin of the funding.

We recommend that Ethiopia takes concrete measures to ensure that efforts to counter terrorism are carried out in full compliance with its Constitution and international human rights obligations, including respect for fair trial guarantees and freedom of expression.