

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Yusuf Mohamed Ismail Bari-Bari
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of
Somalia on the occasion of
The Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of the Federal
Democratic Republic of Ethiopia at the 19th Session of the United
Nations Human Rights Council**

Merci Monsieur le President.

I am pleased to very warmly welcome the High Level delegation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, led by H.E. Ambassador Berhane Gebre-Christos, the State Minister for Foreign Affairs. We thank the delegation for the comprehensive report on the progress made on the practical enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Ethiopia since the first cycle of UPR. We note with satisfaction the commitment of the Government of Ethiopia to promote and protect human rights in the country and in the Horn of Africa. We also commend Ambassador H.E. Minelik Alemu Getahun for his proactive engagement.

We commend Ethiopia's open door policy to refugees from neighbouring countries. We further commend Ethiopia's efforts to maintain peace and security in Africa, particularly in the Horn of Africa. Somalia applauds Ethiopia's exemplary leadership of the IGAD in the fight against terrorism and extremism in the region.

It is in this spirit of brotherhood that Somalia would like to make the following **recommendations** to the delegation of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia to further:

Strengthen measures in the fight against terrorism and extremism in the country and in the Horn of Africa, including through sub-regional and regional organisations, as it undermines the practical enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights;

Strengthen its role in maintaining peace and security in the Horn of Africa;

Encourage and contribute to the design of the most suitable socio-economic integration plan for the sub-region as part of the realisation of the developmental challenges of the sub-region; and

Enhance measures on the establishment of grassroots members-based and members-driven civil society organizations.

In conclusion, may ALLAH swt bless and protect the unity and prosperity of the Brotherly people of Ethiopia, and «*Ethiopia ke Somalia gar lelimat and*

selam wedefit» meaning Ethiopia with Somalia will move forward for peace and development.

I thank all of you for your kind attention.