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Mr President, South Africa welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia to this UPR Session and the presentation of its national report.

South Africa commends remarkable economic and social progress in the country in recent years, including on the achievement of the MDGs, the rollout of the national social protection programme, and bold plans set forth in the Growth and Transformation Plan. We also commend the role of Ethiopia in contributing towards peace and conflict resolution on the continent and for hosting and supporting the African Union.

South Africa encourages Ethiopia to continue all efforts towards the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights in the country and would like to propose the following recommendations:

- (1) to continue to increase women's access to employment, public life, education, housing and health; and
- (2) in welcoming efforts on the protection of migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons, to develop a strategy and national plan of action on this subject with technical support of international and national partners.

We wish Ethiopia the best during its review.

I thank you.