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**Statement by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
on
the Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Nicaragua**

We welcome the delegation of the Republic of Nicaragua to the 19th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council. We thank the delegation of the Republic of Nicaragua for the comprehensive report and presentation to the Working Group.

We take note with appreciation measures taken by the Republic of Nicaragua to strengthen the right to health through the family and community health-care model, based on the primary health-care strategy. We welcome measures taken to further protect the rights of children and women. We also welcome efforts by the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua to guarantee access to electricity for all Nicaraguans, by increasing national electricity coverage.

We would like to recommend to the delegation of the Republic of Nicaragua to:

1. Strengthen the capacity of the Office of the Human Rights Advocate; and
2. Intensify efforts to improve maternal and child health in the country.

Finally, my delegation wishes the delegation of the Republic of Nicaragua a fruitful deliberation in its engagement with the Council.

I thank you.