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By

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of Fiji

Ethiopia welcome the delegation of Fiji led by H.E. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney-General and Ministry of Justice, to the 20th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the national report and the oral update.

We would like to encourage the Government of Fiji to further strengthen its effort to tackle poverty. We commend Fiji's program to mitigate the impact of climate change on the community, including programs to reduce the carbon emission through renewable energy and strategy to reduce disaster risk.

We welcome the promulgation of the constitution of Fiji which includes set of rights, civil, political, social and economic rights. We also note some of these rights are subject to limitation by law, thus we kindly ask the delegation of Fiji to give us clarification on the impact of the limitations on the enjoyment of individuals rights as contained in the constitution.

We have also noted from reports the limitations on the capacity of law enforcement organs on interpretation of human rights obligations of the country.

My delegation would like to recommend Fiji;

1. to trainee its lawyers and Judges on the interpretation of human rights in accordance with the principle of international human rights law

Finally, my delegation express its best wishes to the delegation of Fiji in its engagement with the Human Rights Council.

Thank you