



Statement by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of Islamic Republic of Iran

Ethiopia welcome the delegation of Iran led by H.E. Dr. Mohammad Javad Larijani, Secretary General of the High Council for Human Rights, to the United Nation Human Rights Council 20th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the national report and the oral update.

We are encouraged by the report of the Secretary General on the achievements of Iran, Millennium Development Goals on eradication of extreme poverty, achieving universal education, reducing child and maternal mortality. We also commend Iran's cooperation with the UPR mechanism. We note from the report that Iran is committed to promote and protect the rights of minority religious groups in the country including participation in political, social and decision making settings.

My delegation would like to recommend to Iran;

1. Further work on human rights education public servants and law enforcement bodies;
2. Continue improving women's empowerment programmes by intensifying awareness-raising campaigns; and
3. Encourage efforts undertaken by the Government to increase the involvement of the Civil Society in the public sphere;

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

Thank you