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Statement

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The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

On the Universal Periodic Review of Italy

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Italy led by Honourable Lapo Pistelli, vice Minister, to the 20th Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group. We thank the delegation for the national report and presentation.

We commend Italy for implementing significant number of recommendations from the first UPR cycle. We welcome the particular focus given and resources allocation to the victims of trafficking, to the fight against discrimination, to support female entrepreneurs, students with disabilities, and promote minority languages.

We welcome the establishment of an observatory on the conditions of persons with disability. We note with appreciation Italy's commitment to the rights of persons with disabilities including, recognition of certification of disability, labor and employment, models for independent living and inclusion in the society, educational process and school inclusion; health, habitation and rehabilitation.

We are encouraged that Italy is further working on the existing mechanisms and plans on trafficking to further provide assistance and protection to victims by drafting guideline for public and private care system.

1. We recommend Italy to further strengthen the existing mechanisms on promotion and protection of the rights of Persons with Disability

Finally, we wish express its best wishes to the delegation of Italy in its engagement with the Human Rights Council.

Thank you