



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

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Madagascar led by H.E. Ms .Noeline Ramanantenasoa, Keeper of the Seals and Minister of Justice to the 20th session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the national report and the oral update.

We commend Madagascar for identifying priority areas in the promotion and protection of human rights and further note with appreciation Madagascar's effort to the establishment of the Independent National Human Rights Commission, combating trafficking, sex tourism and the sexual exploitation of children, combating poverty to protect particularly vulnerable groups.

We particularly note with appreciation Madagascar's restoration of democracy and return to the constitutional order through the organization of national election in compliance with the Decision of the African Union.

We commend Madagascar putting in place a national agency to coordinate microfinance with an objective of supporting women by providing training, maternal and family planning, children's education and management of income generation activities.

My delegation would like to recommend Madagascar to;

1. Further intensify efforts to ensure equitable access to health and education to all.
2. Further intensify efforts to combat harmful traditional practices affecting children.

Finally, my delegation wishes all the best to the delegation of Madagascar in its engagement with its identified partners in order to promote and protect human rights.

Thank you