



Statement

By The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Guinea

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of the Republic of Guinea led by H.E. Khalifa Gassama Diaby, Minister of Human Rights and Civil Liberties of Guinea, to the 21st session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the national report and the oral update.

We commend Guinea for identifying priority areas in the promotion and protection of human rights and further note with appreciation Guinea's effort to enhance the legal framework on the protection of human rights, inter alia, fighting gender-based violence, protection of the rights of the child, women's rights, social assistance, education, health care and justice system.

We particularly note with appreciation the establishment of the Ministry of Human Rights and Civil Liberties, and Human Rights Monitoring Body within the Office of the Prime Minister of Guinea designed to facilitate the task of defining, implementing and monitoring government policy on human rights. We note with appreciation the commitment of the Government and People of Guinea to undertake ambitious and courageous reforms aimed at building a democratic society that respects human rights.

My delegation strongly believes that broad-based economic development will enable Countries to enhance the protection and promotion of human rights. Thus, we would like to encourage the Government of Guinea to continue in working on the political, economic and social development aspects which empower the Country to shoulder poverty related crisis.

My delegation would like to recommend Guinea to;

1. Strengthen its efforts to combat traditional practices that are harmful to women and children, particularly, female genital mutilation; and
2. Continue to provide effective training to build the capacity of armed forces, police and other security forces on the protection of human rights especially, vulnerable groups,.

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

Thank you