



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

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Guinea Bissau led by H.E Mr. Fernandes Idelfrides Manuel Gomes to the 21st Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for the comprehensive national report and the oral update.

The Report clearly identifies the priority areas of the country. In this regard Ethiopia would like to commend Guinea Bissau for its achievements and the progressive implementation of the recommendations of the Council, particularly, the National Policy of Equality and Gender equity to improve social, cultural and political status and economic advancement of women.

We note with great satisfaction the adoption of the National Strategy Paper of Poverty Reduction of the 2011-2015, mainly focused among other things, to better treat woman's contribution to economic growth, social development and good governance.

Ethiopia noted with appreciation the special attention given by Guinea Bissau to Child rights by introducing Childhood National Policy with an objective to improve basic education for all children. We recommend Guinea Bissau to finalize the preparation of the National Action Plan to Combat Child Labor. We welcome the existence of the National Policy Against Human Trafficking and encourage Guinea Bissau to further work on the existing mechanisms to fully implement the recommendations during its first UPR review process.

Ethiopia noted the progress made in the country to combat infant mortality rate and recommend Guinea Bissau to further enhance efforts to reduce infant and maternal mortality.

Finally, we wish all the best to the delegation of Guinea Bissau in its engagement with the Human Rights Council.

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