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**Statement By**  
**The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of**  
**Kenya**

Ethiopia warmly welcomes the delegation of Kenya to the 21<sup>st</sup> UPR Session. We thank the delegation for the well elaborated national report and the oral update. We note with satisfaction Kenya implemented significant number of recommendations from the first UPR cycle.

We commend the projection of vision 2030 of Kenya to become middle income country.

Ethiopia as close friend and neighbour appreciates the progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights in Kenya.

My delegation strongly believes that alleviation of poverty will enable states to better implement human and people's right. Thus, we would like to encourage the Government of Kenya to further strengthen its effort to tackle poverty.

Ethiopia notes the challenge of Kenya in national security due to upsurge of terrorism. We welcome Kenya's strong position against the terrorist elements at Home and abroad. We welcome the adoption of Anti-terrorism Act of Kenya.

My delegation would like to recommend Kenya to;

1. Further strengthen the monitoring and evaluation efforts on women's empowerment and child protection.
2. Continue fighting harmful traditional practices including FGM.

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

**Thank you**