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**The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of
Belarus**

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of Belarus led by H.E. Mr. to the 22nd UPR Session. We thank the delegation for the national report and the oral update. We note with satisfaction that Belarus that implemented significant number of recommendations from the first UPR cycle.

We commend the legal and policy frameworks adopted by Belarus since the first UPR cycle. We note with satisfaction the achievements by Belarus in the promotion and protection of human rights in particular, introduction of different laws and decrees to ensure access to quality education, protection of migrant workers by establishing a legal framework aimed at securing equal pay for equal works, ensuring health insurance, earning lose due to death from accident or work related disease, protecting and rehabilitating victims of trafficking, to provide additional support for families with children and to counter drug trafficking in line with the country's obligations under international human rights laws.

My delegation further commends the wide coverage of social services such as access to medical services and free access to elementary and secondary education.

My delegation would like to recommend Belarus to;

- 4= Further continue to be on the track to achieve Millennium Development Goals especially in areas of combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensure environmental sustainability and develop a global partnership for development.

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

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