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Statement delivered by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the 2nd cycle UPR of Seychelles.

Mr. President,

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Seychelles headed by H.E Mr. Barry FAURE and thanks for the introductory remarks today in addition of the Report submitted.

Since the first cycle of UPR, we noted with satisfaction the significant progress on legislations and ratification of international human rights instruments. Among others “prohibition of trafficking in persons” act of 2014 and its action plan, “food act of” 2014 and “local government act” of 2015 are commendable.

Amid its financial and expert constraints, Seychelles’ submission of some of its treaty reports and the establishment of the Human Rights Treaty Committee in 2012 is a demonstration of the government’s political commitment. In this regard, we call the International community for financial and technical assistance.

We forward the following recommendations to the kind consideration of the government of Seychelles to:

1. Expedite the review of the effectiveness of the current framework of the offices of the National Human Rights Commission and Ombudsman.
2. Finalize the ongoing a five year National Action Plan on Human Rights and put in place the necessary mechanisms for its implementation

Finally, we wish all the best to the delegation of Seychelles in the engagement with the UPR working group.

I thank you