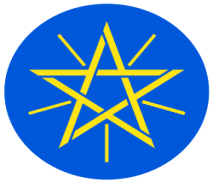
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**Statement**

**by**

**the Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the Universal Periodic Review of** **Congo**

**30 January 2024**

***Mr. President,***

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of **Congo** to the 45th Session of the UPR Working Group. We thank the delegation for its comprehensive national report and the oral update today.

Ethiopia commends **Congo** for implementing the recommendations received during previous UPR cycles.

In the spirit of constructive engagement and dialogue, Ethiopia recommends to **Congo**;

1. to continue strengthening institutional and legal frameworks to promote and protect human rights; and

2. to continue efforts to the poverty reduction and enhancement of the living standard of the people.

Finally, Ethiopia wishes success to the delegation of **Congo** in its engagement with the UPR Working Group.

***I thank you.***