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**Statement**

**by**

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

 **23 January 2024**

***Mr. President,***

Ethiopia Warmly welcomes the delegation of Nigeria to the 45th Session of the UPR Working Group.

Ethiopia commends Nigeria for following an inclusive approach in preparation of the report and for implementing the recommendations received during previous UPR cycles.

In a sprite of constructive engagement, Ethiopia recommends to Nigeria;

1. to continue efforts in improving access to health care and education;
2. to continue efforts in promoting women’s empowerment and gender equality.

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

***I thank you***