Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Eritrea and thanks it for its National Report.

The practice of indefinite National Service, including the conscription of children, is a major concern. It creates an environment of fear and is leading to many other human rights violations in the country. This practice results in a school-age children being excluded from school and deprived of their right to education or they are forced to hide or flee the country to avoid conscription.

Therefore, Lithuania would like to make the following recommendations:

- One, end the practice of conscription of school-age children, and ensure that they can receive education at civilian high schools.

- Two, establish a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolishing it.

- Three, engage and cooperate with all the UN special procedure mandate-holders, including by granting them free, full and unhindered access.

- Four, prevent all acts of violence, including arbitrary detention, based on the grounds of religion or belief.

- Five, guarantee that persons with disabilities have equal access to food and water, as well as to health care services and education.

We wish Eritrea a successful review in the current UPR.

I thank you.