**Statement**

**by**

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

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***Mr. President,***

Ethiopia **warmly** welcomes the delegation of **the Islamic Republic of Iran** to the 48th Session of the UPR Working Group.

Ethiopia commends Iran for implementing recommendations from previous UPR cycles. We also appreciate the adoption of Article 101 of the Sixth Five-Year Development Plan, which emphasizes increasing women’s participation in decision-making and management as a key indicator of gender justice.

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

1. continue strengthening the protection and promotion of minority rights by ensuring the full and equal participation in all aspects of political, social, and administrative life.
2. Continue strengthening efforts to promote women’s participation in decision-making and management roles, and ensure their equal representation at all levels of governance and leadership.

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

***I thank you.***