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**Statement**

**by**

**the Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the 48th Universal Periodic Review of Italy**

**20 January,2025,Geneva**

***Mr. President,***

**Ethiopia warmly welcomes** the delegation of Italy to the 48th Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council. We thank the delegation for the comprehensive report and the oral update today.

We commend Italy's commitment to development cooperation, prioritizing poverty eradication, reducing inequalities, promoting sustainable development, and advancing human rights.

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

1. Continue strengthening efforts to protect and integrate migrants and asylum seekers in accordance with international standards.
2. Continue addressing socio-economic inequalities and ensuring that human rights protections reach all individuals.

**Finally,** we wish every success to the delegation of Italy in its engagement with the UPR Working Group.

 **I thank you.**