**Statement**

**by**

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

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***Mr. President,***

**Ethiopia extends a warm welcome** to the delegation of Slovenia to the 4th Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group Session. We thank the delegation for its comprehensive national report and the oral update provided.

***Ethiopia acknowledges*** Slovenia’s notable progress in advancing gender equality through comprehensive legislative reforms and practical initiatives. We also commend Slovenia’s proactive approach in tackling environmental challenges and promoting climate justice, particularly its efforts to reduce carbon emissions and enhance sustainability.

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

1. Continue strengthening its support for refugees and migrants, ensuring that they are provided with adequate protection, social integration programs, and access to essential services such as healthcare, education, and employment.
2. Continue strengthening efforts to combat gender-based violence and discrimination by strengthening legal frameworks, and ensuring equal representation of women in leadership and decision-making roles.

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

 ***I thank you.***