**Statement**

**by**

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

***Mr. President,***

Ethiopia welcomes the delegation of **the Republic of** **Botswana led by H.E. ……** to the 43rd Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council. We thank the delegation for the comprehensive report and the oral update today.

Ethiopia commends **the Republic of Botswana** for implementing the recommendations received during the previous UPR cycles and the efforts to further promote Human rights in an inclusive manner. Ethiopia also welcomes the measures taken by Botswana to promote and protect the human rights of all citizens, including women, youth, children, and persons with disabilities.

**Ethiopia recommends to the delegation of the Republic of Botswana to:**

1. Continue strengthening its institutional framework favourable to respect of human rights; and
2. Intensify its efforts to the Poverty Eradication Programme which provides economic opportunities to the most vulnerable populations, including remote-area communities.

Finally, Ethiopia wishes successful deliberation to the delegation of the Republic of Botswanain its engagement with the UPR Working Group.

 ***I thank you.***