Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, Madam Vice-President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia and offers the following recommendations:

1. To ratify the remaining core international human rights treaties.
2. To accelerate the review of key national legislation with the aim to ensure safe and enabling environment for civil society, human rights defenders and journalists.
3. To strengthen legislation and its enforcement to fully outlaw all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination, and to conduct awareness raising and educational campaigns.

We welcome Ethiopia’s steps to improve its human rights environment notably the release of political prisoners, human rights defenders and journalists, progress on media freedom and opening of space for civil society and we call on Ethiopia to pursue further reforms needed to ensure an effective, full and equal enjoyment of all human rights.

I thank you.