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**REVIEW OF ETHIOPIA**

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**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia welcomes the Delegation of Ethiopia and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We welcome the Government’s proclaimed dedication to respect for human rights and wish it every success with the ongoing political reforms. We note with satisfaction the many positive developments in the past year, since the reforms started; including the release of political prisoners, major democratic reforms, and the revision of repressive laws.

We encourage Ethiopia to address better the humanitarian crisis caused by ethnic violence in the south and work on resolving ethnic tensions.

Allow us to address Ethiopia with two recommendations:

1. **Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.**
2. **Repeal or amend legislation that may place obstacles on legitimate activities to promote and defend human rights.**

Croatia would like to wish the Delegation of Ethiopia a successful review session.

Thank you.