

Remark made by Ambassador Estifanos Afeworki in the Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety 15 - 17 December 2012 Fukushima Japan

Honourable Chair Person

Honourable Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

Please allow me to express, on behalf of my government and myself, our gratitude for the invitation and hospitality extended by the Government of Japan and Fukushima prefecture.

Last March, following the Tohoku big earthquake, residents of Fukushima prefecture, Japan and humanity faced a very challenging and unfair wrath from nature plus from a human-made-nuclear power accident.

The government and people of Japan's preparedness and resilience shown in tackling this dangerous situation was exemplary. Our sympathy and prayers shall always be with the victims of this tragedy.

Therefore, this Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety, which is being held now to assess this accident and share the lessons learned to the rest of the world is not only significant to Japan but to the prudent and wise future use of energy by humanity in general.

My government and people are keen to participate, in this important and historic conference, and let me express here at this juncture that we look forward to a positive outcome and constructive collective wisdom in its deliberations.

Thank you