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Statement by H.E. Ambassador Demitu Hambisa on Ethiopia's Country Strategic  
Plan (2026–2029)

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Thank you, Madam President.

Excellencies, Distinguished Members of the Executive Board, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a privilege to address this meeting and to express Ethiopia's appreciation for the World Food Programme's continued partnership in tackling food and nutrition security challenges.

The Country Strategic Plan (2026–2030) was developed in close collaboration with the Government of Ethiopia and stakeholders, ensuring alignment with our Ten-Year Development Plan, Vision 2030, and continental agendas. It emphasizes resilience, women's empowerment, and the transition of displaced communities into stable environments, while addressing both humanitarian and developmental needs.

Ethiopia's Vision 2030 seeks to achieve middle-income status through equitable growth, agricultural transformation, and stronger food systems. Despite progress, global crises, internal conflicts, and climate shocks continue to pose challenges. We believe WFP's integrated approach can help address these complexities by improving food access, fostering self-sufficiency, and tackling root causes of vulnerability.

The Government of Ethiopia reaffirms its commitment to strengthening partnerships with WFP, leveraging global expertise to enhance crisis response, transform food

systems, and accelerate human capital development. We fully endorse the strategic direction of this CSP and commend the WFP Ethiopia Country Office for its collaborative formulation.

Last but not least, I also would like to express my gratitude to the World Food Programme and the Ethiopia country office of the WFP, for formulating this CSP in consultation with the government. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the President, the member countries of the Executive Board and the secretariat for the support and approval of the country strategic plan.

Together, we can transform challenges into opportunities and build a resilient, prosperous future.

Thank you.