Ethiopia considers the issue of statelessness, which deeply affects millions of people worldwide regardless of language, religion, or ethnicity, to be an important global cause. Our country is located in a region where significant migration movements are actively occurring, especially in the African continent and neighboring Middle Eastern areas. The situation of migrants, particularly stateless individuals from neighboring countries, clearly demonstrates the effects of the statelessness problem in our country.

The Constitution of Ethiopia ensures citizenship rights based on birth and descent, while also safeguarding a federal structure, ethnic diversity, and democratic rights. Stateless individuals, deprived of their identity and basic rights, face serious issues such as discrimination, exclusion, and human rights violations. As a country with a high refugee population, Ethiopia argues that statelessness is not merely an individual issue but should be addressed by all states on a global scale.

Ethiopia recognizes the rights of refugees by accepting international legal frameworks such as the 1951 Refugee Convention and the 1969 Organization of African Unity Refugee Convention. Ethiopia observes that factors like mass displacement further complicate the statelessness issue.

Ethiopia actively strengthens its domestic legal arrangements and participates in international efforts to combat statelessness. It advocates for the following measures for a healthier society and individual:

- Provision of Digital Identity Cards

- Legal Protection for Stateless Individuals

- Facilitating Citizenship Needs for Stateless Individuals

Ethiopia also emphasizes the need for financial and technical support for countries hosting large numbers of stateless individuals. These supports are aimed at "self-sufficiency initiatives, international cooperation, and other fundamental development goals."

Ethiopia stresses the importance of raising awareness about the situation of stateless individuals, noting that political will can play a positive role in addressing this issue. Especially countries with a large number of stateless individuals require financial and technical assistance, and Ethiopia calls on the international community to provide this support.

Lastly, Ethiopia reaffirms its determination and stability in addressing the issue of statelessness and protecting the rights of individuals. With a cooperative, innovative, and resilient human rights approach, Ethiopia is ready to contribute to a world where no one is left behind. Ethiopia is willing to participate in the framework development for this matter and invites all countries to prioritize this critical issue.