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**Mr. President,**

I would like to welcome the delegation of Ecuador and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today.

Egypt has noted the breadth and thoroughness of the consultations the Ecuadorian government conducted in preparation of its national report, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system and reflects its legacy in democratic practice.

We have examined with interest what was mentioned in the report specifically the first major change introduced at the beginning of this new period in the country's history which was the approval by referendum of the new Constitution in 2008 that ushered a new model for the State and for development that focuses on the people.

We believe that Ecuador has been a responsible member of the Human Rights Council, upholding the fundamental principles of international human rights law and arguing that the fundamental mission of the body is the promotion of peace and multilateralism. In that vein, Egypt presents the following recommendations to Ecuador, hoping that it will consider adopting them:

- 1- To maintain its positive efforts in the current process of reviewing its national laws with a view to bringing them in line with its international human rights obligations.
- 2- To continue to bring domestic laws into full compliance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.
- 3- To carry on with ensuring that economic and social policies take into account the specific situation of women.

- 4- **Taking further steps to improve the quality of education and take all measures to ensure that children complete primary and secondary school by addressing the reasons behind the non-completion of schooling.**
- 5- **To keep on efforts, both on legal and procedural grounds, to ensure full respect and protection for the rights of persons with disabilities, including access to education and providing resources.**

**I thank you.**

