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Madame President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Gabon and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. Egypt recognizes the progress in the country's legal and institutional framework aiming at the improvement of human rights, namely strengthening of the national normative framework to incorporate international instruments into domestic law and the establishment of a National Commission of Human Rights on 14 September 2011.

Egypt also welcomes the cooperation of Gabon with international and regional mechanisms on human rights. Similarly, we support the ongoing efforts of Gabon to eliminate the trafficking and abuse of children.

In a positive spirit of cooperation and dialogue, Egypt would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To exert further efforts to improve prison conditions.
2. To keep taking the necessary measures to combat continued deforestation in order to ensure the effective enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights.

I thank you.