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**Review of Zambia**

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Mme. President,

*Solicitor General of Zambia*

I would like to welcome the delegation of Zambia headed by .A.. and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today.

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

We have examined with interest the national report of Zambia and welcome the recognition by the Government of Zambia of the negative impact that trafficking in persons has on the enjoyment of human rights, including freedom from slavery, servitude and forced labor, and in that regard, we greet the enactment of the Anti-Human Trafficking Act No. 11 of 2008 by the Parliament. We also welcome the adoption of the Anti-Corruption Policy in August 2009, which provides comprehensive policies on corruption that present a framework for developing means of preventing and combating corruption in an encompassing, coordinated, inclusive and sustainable manner.

We believe that Zambia has been exerting efforts to enhance its capacities in the field of human rights, while upholding the fundamental principles of international human rights law and arguing for the promotion of peace and multilateralism. In that positive spirit of cooperation and dialogue, Egypt presents the following recommendations to Zambia, 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 carry on with ensuring the reduction of HIV prevalence in Zambia.
- 3- To keep on the current efforts to improve conditions of detention including limiting the over crowdedness of prisons.

I thank you.