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Mr. President,

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

Egypt has noted the thoroughness of the consultations conducted by the Government of Botswana in preparation of its national report, which demonstrates a desire to interact with the international human rights system.

We have examined with interest the national report of Botswana which demonstrates a strong institutional framework that has helped to preserve the position of the country at the global level as a democracy with a good human rights record. We believe that Botswana 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 this context, we welcome the signature and ratification of Botswana's accession to some core international human rights treaties, including the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Within that positive spirit of cooperation and dialogue, Egypt presents the following recommendations to Botswana, hoping that it will consider adopting them:

- 1- To maintain the positive efforts aiming to find durable solutions by way of repatriation, reintegration and resettlement of refugees.
- 2- To carry on with ensuring full access of children to education.
- 3- To continue to pay special attention to the needs of rural women, ensuring that they participate in decision-making processes and have full access to justice, education, health services and financial facilities.
- 4- To pursue the ongoing efforts to ensure the adoption, in the near future, of a list identifying types of hazardous work prohibited to persons under the age of 18 years.

I thank you.