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Mr. President,

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

Egypt has noted the breadth of the consultations conducted by the Government of Burundi in preparation of the national report, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system and reflects its aim to establish a legacy in democratic practice.

We have examined with interest what was mentioned in the report and welcome the continuous review conducted by Burundi since 2008 to strengthen the existing domestic legislations to conform with the principals of protection and promotion of human rights, particularly act no. 1/05 of 22 April 2009 revising the Criminal Code; and act no. 1/04 of 5 January 2011 establishing the National Independent Human Rights Commission. We also welcome the new provisions in the criminal code, specifically the measures to protect children against domestic violence, punishment of the crime of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, punishment of the crime of torture, and punishment of rape.

We believe that Burundi 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 Burundi, hoping that it will consider adopting them:

- 1- To maintain the positive efforts of integrating a human rights approach into policies and education at various levels.
- 2- To carry on with ensuring that children with disabilities have full access to education and health-care services.
- 3- To keep on efforts, both on legal and procedural grounds, to ensure equal access to quality health services for all children.

Finally, we support Burundi's request that the international community through international cooperation, assist in implementing the action plans developed for the promotion and protection of all human rights, mainly through contributing in the full implementation of the Strategic Framework for Growth and Combating Poverty.

I thank you.