



**Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Luxembourg headed by \*\*\*\*, and appreciates its comprehensive presentation.

Luxembourg is a country with a rich tradition in human rights on the national level, and is well-known for a principled foreign policy based on contributing to international development and protecting and promoting all human rights globally, including the right to self determination.

Egypt congratulates the Government of Luxembourg on the efforts exerted since its UPR in the first cycle, particularly in relation to ensuring equality between women and men, protecting the rights of the child, promoting freedom of speech and press, and protecting freedom of religion and belief through integrating the representatives of religious communities in the public decision-making process .

We also view the steps taken in the fields of encouraging the political participation of citizens and foreigners, and combating on-line discrimination on the internet as significant developments that should be duly noted. And in this context, we invite the esteemed delegation of Luxembourg to share with the council further information about the efforts undertaken and the intended future plans in this regard.

Finally, we present the following recommendations to the Government of Luxembourg:

- 1) To ratify the ICRMW.
- 2) To consider reviewing its declaration regarding article 20 (2) of the ICCPR.
- 3) To maintain its ODA contributions up to the internationally-agreed level of 0.7%.

I thank you.