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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Mali and commend its thorough presentation to the UPR Working Group today. Egypt supports Mali's endeavors to implement its human rights obligations, taking into consideration the difficulties raised by the current political and security situation.

In this context, Egypt positively notes the proceeding of the Government of Mali with the adoption and effective implementation of national standards under its obligations in reference to related international instruments and conventions.

We also welcome the revision of the constitution which commenced by a positive process in 2007 to induce political and institutional reforms, particularly changes related to women's access to electoral mandates, and the creation of a Senate.

On the other hand, Egypt presents the following recommendations to Mali, hoping that it will consider adopting them within the current existing positive atmosphere of dialogue and cooperation:

- 1- To maintain its positive efforts to improve the functioning of its education system, particularly by increasing school attendance rates.
- 2- To carry on with projects to decrease the lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitation in order to combat the increasing the risk of cholera contamination.
- 3- To keep on efforts, both on legal and procedural grounds, to implement measures for women's access to a broader range of jobs and to address the causes of the concentration of women in the informal economy.
- 4- To take measures to ensure that children under 18 are protected against sale and trafficking, that investigations and prosecutions of offenders were carried out, and that penalties were imposed.

Finally, we support Mali's calls for the international community to provide its assistance, through increasing financial and material resources allocated to strengthening national technical capacity building efforts, in order to continue with the implementation of the national strategy to enhance, promote and protect human rights.

I thank you.