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**Review of Cameroon**

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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Cameroon and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. Egypt notes the extensiveness of the consultations the Cameroonian government conducted in preparation of its national report, which demonstrates its will to interact positively with the international human rights system, particularly the universal periodic review mechanism.

We have studied what was mentioned in the report and we welcome the establishment of the Interministerial Committee for monitoring the implementation of recommendations and/or decisions arising from regional and international mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights in April 2011, and the establishment of the Interministerial Committee on the prevention and fight against trafficking in persons in November 2010. We also welcome the initiation of a process for adoption of a national action plan for the promotion and protection of human rights, aiming at integrating the human rights approach in policies and programmes.

We believe that Cameroon has been a responsible member of the Human Rights Council, and in that vein, Egypt presents the following recommendations to Cameroon, 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 access to health services for children and indigenous populations.
- 3- To continue implementing the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on protecting street children.
- 4- To keep on the current efforts to improve conditions of detention including limiting the over crowdedness of prisons.

I thank you.