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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Canada and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. We wish to thank the delegation for the informative and comprehensive report that the delegation has presented, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system.

Egypt notes positively Canada's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Moreover, improvements in the human rights situation in Canada demonstrate the Government's efforts to comply with a high standard of safeguarding human rights. However, we are alarmed by several instances of racial profiling in law enforcement actions and racial discrimination in employment, which requires an introduction of a legislation on protection against hate propaganda that create an offence of racial violence. We urge the Canadian government to re-commit to a national anti-racism strategy and participate in events addressing the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. In the same spirit of cooperation and dialogue, Egypt would like to make the following recommendations, hoping that Canada will consider adopting them:

- 1- To strengthen the coordination of federal and provincial mechanisms in order to remove disparities in the implementation of anti-racism legislation, policies, programmes and best practices; and ensure the enjoyment on an equal footing within all provinces and territories of the rights set forth in ICERD, including by adopting new federal laws.
- 2- To reconsider its policy of using administrative detention and immigration legislation to detain and remove non-citizens on the ground of national security.
- 3- To continue efforts towards the establishment and implementation of an effective regulatory framework for holding companies registered in Canada accountable for the human rights impact of their operations; and adoption

of a policy of carrying out independent human rights impact assessments of all trade agreements.

- 4- To develop plans or strategies to address homelessness and poverty.
- 5- To ensure that children with disabilities had access to inclusive education.

I thank you.

