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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Cape Verde 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. We have examined with great interest what was mentioned in the report since the 1st UPR cycle and we welcome the acceleration by the government of Cape Verde to implement effectively the existing legislation and programmes and the numerous interventions introduced lately, which have had a positive impact on quality of life of citizens of Cape Verde and the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We welcome the development of a framework by the government of Cape Verde for cooperation with international and regional human rights mechanisms. We positively note that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was approved for ratification in February 2011 and entered into force in November 2011. We also welcome the adoption of the Gender-Based Violence Act in January 2011. In that regard, and in a positive spirit of cooperation and dialogue, Egypt would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1- To continue the current efforts to overcome the difficulties in meeting all the MDGs and in guaranteeing harmonious development for the population of Cape Verde.
- 2- To continuing to prioritize the allocation of financial and human resources to the health sector, and focusing on preventive measures and treatment.
- 3- To adopt further measures, which aim to combat discrimination in education, combat illiteracy, and promote gender equality.
- 4- To review the system of administration of justice in order to expedite the delivery of justice.

Finally, we support the call by Cape Verde for further international cooperation and partnership so that it can continue to plan and implement activities within the framework of the promotion and protection of human rights and to provide funding for the activities implemented as a follow-up to this review, to be identified in due course.

I thank you.

