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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Germany to the 2nd UPR Cycle.

We congratulate the German Government on the positive steps that were taken since the first cycle, and we welcome particularly the accession to the CRPD, strengthening national institutional and legislative guarantees against torture, as well as withdrawing the reservations and declarations in relation to the CRC.

Egypt takes note of the efforts exerted by Germany in the area of protecting the rights of migrants, and combating racism, and hate crimes. We commend specifically the prosecution of hate crimes according to a relatively comprehensive legal definition, and the aggravation of circumstances given the presence of a "racist mindset". Meanwhile, we are conscious that some relevant areas remain a source of concern, including incidents of police malpractices based on religious/ethnic profiling, and discriminatory laws adopted by some *Landers* against the use of headscarves by Muslim women, and segregated schooling for migrant children. | We Invite the German delegation to share with the Council the future plans of the Federal Government to address the persisting challenges in this regard. |

Finally, we would like to present the following recommendations:

- 1- To ratify the International Convention on the Protection of Migrant Workers (ICRMW).
- 2- To amend the Federal Anti-discrimination law to explicitly provide protection against discrimination in public schooling and to establish an independent body to deal with the complaints received in this regard.
- 3- Stepping up the efforts contributing to combating discrimination and hate crimes, including by penalizing and introducing a ban on forms of speech that reach the threshold of incitement to religious
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and racial hatred, specially in the context of campaigning for elections.

- 4- To provide, in accordance with its obligations under international human rights law instruments, effective protection for the family as the fundamental and natural unit of society.

I thank you.

