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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes H.E. Minister of Justice of the Russian Federation, and grateful for the thorough and elaborate presentation of the national report.

Egypt congratulates the Russian Federation on all the steps taken, since the first UPR cycle, to further protect and promote human rights. We commend in particular the ratification of the CRPD and the 2nd optional protocol to CRC, as well as the increasing cooperation with international human rights mechanisms, the enhanced safeguards surrounding the performance of law enforcement officials, and the ongoing process of judicial reform.

We note with satisfaction the measures adopted to combat racial and religious hatred, and we invite the delegation to kindly share with the Council the future plans of the Government to continue its efforts in this regard.

In conclusion, we would like to present the following recommendations for the consideration of the Russian Government:

- 1) To consider acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the rights of Migrant Workers and the members of their families (ICRMW).
- 2) To continue providing the adequate and effective protection and support to the family, as the basic and natural unit of the society.
- 3) To continue its efforts in fighting against trafficking in persons, specially women and children.

I thank you.
