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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the high level delegation of Turkmenistan to the 2nd UPR Cycle, and appreciates its comprehensive presentation of the quality national report submitted.

We congratulate the Government on the positive steps taken since the first cycle, and we particularly commend the process of constitutional reform and reviewing the legislative framework to ensure further protection and promotion of human rights. Egypt also welcomes the remarkable efforts exerted to promote economic, social, and cultural rights, including by providing social protection measures, in this regard we are conscious of the presence of persisting challenges in the area of poverty eradication and stimulating decent work, and we invite the delegation to share with the council the future plans of the government to address these issues.

We also note that the inter-cycle period witnessed increase in the cooperation between the Government and the Treaty Bodies and the OHCHR, and we encourage the continuation and strengthening of this cooperation based on the requests, needs, and priorities of the Government of Turkmenistan.

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

- 1- To continue bringing its legislations and policies more in line with its respective obligations under international human rights law.**
- 2- Ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and the members of their families.**
- 3- Continuing its efforts to ensure the protection of the right to safe drinking water and sanitation.**

I thank you.