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Mr. President,

H.E Mr.
Akmal Saidov

My delegation welcomes Mr.**** and the delegation of Uzbekistan to the 2nd UPR Cycle, and appreciates their comprehensive and thorough presentation of the state of human rights in the country.

We congratulate Uzbekistan on the progress achieved in implementing the accepted recommendations of the 1st UPR cycle, as well as all other stapes taken to ensure further protection and promotion of human rights. Egypt applauds in particular the legislative measures undertaken in areas of penal reform, strengthening judicial independence, upgrading electoral codes. We also commend the accession of Uzbekistan to a considerable number of international instruments, including the 1st and 2nd protocol to the CRC, and its remarkable efforts in eradicating the worst forms of child labor and providing quality medical care for children.

On the other hand, we are interested to listen to the views of the delegation of Uzbekistan on the possible solutions to the address the remaining challenges related to overcrowding of prisons and improving the conditions of imprisonment facilities.

In conclusion, Egypt presents the following recommendations for the kind consideration of the Government of Uzbekistan:

- 1- To continue its efforts in the field of human rights education and training.
- 2- Continuing its efforts in providing support and protection for the family, as a fundamental and natural unit of society.
- 3- To upgrade its existing national human rights monitoring mechanisms into a NHRI that meets the Paris Principles.

I thank you.
