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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Central African Republic and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. Egypt has noted the breadth and thoroughness of the consultations the government of Central African Republic conducted in preparation of its national report, which demonstrates its desire to interact positively with the international human rights system.

We have examined with interest what was mentioned in the report and we believe that the government of Central African Republic has placed human rights at the heart of its agenda; making the key principles underpinning civil and political rights, namely liberty, inviolability and non-discrimination, cardinal values. However, there are several challenges. We urge the transitional government to take urgent measures to restore security, democratic governance and constitutional order throughout the country, including by ensuring the functioning of effective and accountable security and judicial institutions, in full compliance with international human rights norms. In that vein, Egypt presents the following recommendations to Central African Republic, hoping that it considers adopting them:

- 1- To continue its positive efforts to put an end to the prevailing insecurity and violence plaguing the country.
- 2- To keep efforts to restoring basic services in justice, the police and healthcare as a matter of priority.
- 3- To consider drawing up new legislation on the enforceability of the right to education.
- 4- To consider taking legislative, policy and educational measures, including awareness-raising measures, to overcome the stigmatisation of the poorest children, including girls and children with disabilities, and to ensure that those children have equal access to high quality education.

I thank you.