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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Chad and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. We wish to thank the delegation for the informative and comprehensive report that ~~the delegation~~^{it} has presented, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system. We have examined with great interest what was mentioned in the report since the 1st UPR cycle and we welcome the acceleration by the government of Chad to implement effectively the existing legislation and programmes and the numerous interventions introduced lately, which have had a positive impact on quality of life of citizens of Chad and the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We welcome the range of measures adopted by the government of Chad to promote and protect civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights, the rights of women and the rights of the child. In that regard, and in a positive spirit of cooperation and dialogue, Egypt would like to make the following recommendations:

- 1- To consider adopting a comprehensive law against human trafficking and to implement its National Action Plan against Trafficking.
- 2- To continue to invest sufficient resources in the judicial system so that it could combat impunity.
- 3- To develop and implement action plans for employment that would reduce unemployment in the informal sector.
- 4- To continue current efforts to improve the literacy rate, particularly among women, and to provide girls and boys with equal access to education.

Finally, we support the call by Chad for further international cooperation and partnership so that it can continue to plan and implement activities within the framework of the promotion and protection of human rights and to provide funding for the activities implemented as a follow-up to this review, to be identified in due course.

I thank you.