

Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt

**The Human Rights Council
Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review
Seventeenth Session**

Review of Mexico

**Statement by
Ambassador Wafaa Bassim
Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations
and other international organizations in Geneva**

(Geneva, 23rd of October 2013)

Please check against delivery

President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Mexico and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. Egypt recognizes the progress in the country's legal and institutional framework aiming at the improvement of human rights, namely the demonstration of its commitment to protecting human rights by acceding to most international conventions.

We welcome the strengthening of the National Human Rights Commission by empowering it to investigate serious human rights violations. We support the Mexican efforts to keep implementing the national programmes for human rights including the prevention and punishment of trafficking in persons, the national plan of action to prevent, monitor and eradicate the commercial sexual exploitation of children and the prison administration strategy. We also believe that Mexico has achieved groundbreaking advances in its promotion, protection and defence of human rights, and will continue to play a highly responsible role within the United Nations while firmly upholding its deep commitment to human rights worldwide.

In a positive spirit of cooperation and dialogue, Egypt would like to make the following recommendations, hoping that Mexico will consider adopting them:

1. To consider adopting a framework law for the full realization of the right to food.
2. To ensure that agricultural policies make a more effective contribution to combating rural poverty.
3. To keep ensuring women's access to justice and improving support services.
4. To continue efforts to improve prison conditions.
5. To consider establishing mechanisms aimed at early identification, referral, assistance and support for victims of trafficking.

I thank you.