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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Senegal and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. We wish to thank the delegation for the comprehensive report that the delegation has presented, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system. We have examined the report and the developments in Senegal since the 1st UPR cycle and we welcome the strengthening of the inter-institutional human rights system and the efforts to achieve a higher quality of access to justice.

We believe that Senegal has taken numerous measures and initiatives in the past few years, aiming at continued progress in its efforts to achieve the broadest possible enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all. In that vein, and in a positive spirit of cooperation and dialogue, Egypt would like to make the following recommendations, hoping that Senegal will consider adopting them:

- 1- To continue its efforts to expand access to safe drinking water and sanitation by ensuring better coordination and coherence in the implementation of initiatives aimed at expanding access to water and sanitation in rural areas.
- 2- To pursue all efforts to modernize the legal framework of the education system by enshrining therein the right to basic education.
- 3- To ensure that the new draft law on trafficking and smuggling of migrants is in conformity with international human rights standards and to step up its efforts to prosecute traffickers and to identify and protect all victims of trafficking.
- 4- To provide free healthcare for children and to combat child malnutrition by facilitating access to food.

I thank you.