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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Chile and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. Egypt notes the breadth and thoroughness of the consultations the government of Chile conducted in preparation of its national report, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system and reflects its legacy in democratic practice.

We positively note the establishment, in December 2009, of the National Human Rights Institution (INDH) in accordance with the Paris Principles (Act No. 20.405), as an autonomous body under public law, with its own legal personality and resources. We believe that Chile has been a responsible member of the Human Rights Council, upholding the principles of international human rights law and arguing that the fundamental mission of the body is the promotion of peace and multilateralism. In that vein, Egypt would like to present the following recommendations, hoping that Chile will consider adopting them:

- 1- To consider adoption of a comprehensive law on violence against women.
- 2- To strengthen measures to counter discriminatory attitudes in society, including through public education and equality initiatives and legislative measures.
- 3- To guarantee an effective and sufficient specialization of the stakeholders in the Juvenile Justice System.
- 4- To ensure justice and reparation for victims of the effects of environmental degradation and adopt an environmental standard for the pollutant emissions of foundries.

I thank you