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**Review of Eritrea**

**Statement by  
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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Eritrea and commend its participation in the UPR Working Group today. We wish to thank the delegation for its interaction with Human Rights Council and urge the Eritrean government to continue its current cooperation in that regard.

We positively note that the Judiciary Branch of the State of Eritrea is drafting new Codes that will substitute the Transitional Codes of Eritrea, that the drafting process is at its final stage, and that Eritrea's international obligations are ~~naturally~~ taken into account in drafting those new codes. ~~We believe that Eritrea has been a responsible member of the Human Rights Council, and in that vein,~~ Egypt presents the following recommendations in the spirit of positive dialogue, hoping that Eritrea will consider adopting them:

- 1- To continue its current efforts to provide sustainable ~~and excellent~~ health care that is effective, efficient, accessible, acceptable and affordable to all citizens.
- 2- To continue its endeavors to ensure access to food for all its citizens as a fundamental human right.
- 3- To keep on the current efforts to improve conditions of detention including limiting the over crowdedness of prisons.
- 4- To pursue all efforts to preserve the progress achieved in a number of areas such as culture, education, health and the fight against social inequality.
- 5- To consider taking measures which include the conducting of public awareness campaigns, and the awarding of financial or other incentives to parents to send their daughters to school.

I thank you Mr. President.