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Review of New Zealand

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of New Zealand to the 2nd Cycle of the UPR.

New Zealand is a country that has a rich record in the promotion of human rights domestically and globally, particularly in the areas of women's rights and rights of persons with disabilities. Ever since the last review, the Government of New Zealand took significant steps to further promote and protect human rights, including the ratification of the 2nd protocol to the Convention of the Rights of the Child, the declaration of support to the UN Declaration on the rights of indigenous people, and stepping up support for the family care schemes serving persons with disabilities.

Egypt notes with satisfaction the progress made in relation to the situation of migrants, and encourages undertaking further efforts towards combating stereotypes and hate speech against migrants and ethnic and religious minorities, including through strengthening the relevant reporting channels and data collection tools.

We would like to invite the delegation to share with the council further information on the position of international human rights obligations vis-à-vis national laws in the context of judicial proceedings. We would appreciate also listening to the views of the delegation on the reasons behind not acceding to ILO's convention no.87 on freedom of association.

Finally, Egypt would like to present the following recommendations for the kind consideration of New Zealand:

- 1- To consider acceding to the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers.
- 2- To provide, in accordance with its obligations under international human rights law instruments, effective protection for the family as the fundamental and natural unit of society.
- 3- To maintain its contributions of Official Development Assistance (ODA) at the internationally agreed level of 0.7% of its GNP.

I thank you.
