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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Uruguay and commend the elaborate presentation it made to the UPR Working Group today. We wish to thank the delegation for the informative and comprehensive report that the delegation has presented, which demonstrates its desire to interact with the international human rights system. We positively note the reiteration of Uruguay to its commitment to the universal periodic review; having accepted all the recommendations made during its first review and submitted its midterm report in September 2012.

We believe that Uruguay has been a responsible member of the Human Rights Council. In that vein, and in a spirit of positive dialogue, Egypt presents the following recommendations, hoping that Uruguay will consider adopting them:

- 1- To consider making additional efforts to facilitate equal access to judicial and administrative remedies for people of African descent and of indigenous origin.
- 2- To provide access to adequate housing, with a focus on assistance to low-income families.
- 3- To take additional measures to promote equality of access to employment.
- 4- To consider strengthening the capacity of the ministries responsible for developing a sustainable mining strategy.

I thank you Mr. President