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Review of Brunei Darussalam

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Mr. President,

A warm welcome is extended to the delegation of Brunei Darussalam to the UPR Working Group.

The delegation of Egypt seizes this opportunity to welcome the steps taken by the Government of Brunei Darussalam towards implementing the recommendations it accepted in the first cycle. We commend in particular the enactment of the law on children and youth, the reforms introduced to the penal law, and issuing the decree on safety and health in the working place. We are encouraged also by the membership of women for the first time in the national legislative council, as well as the significant progress achieved across all MDGs.

We have taken note with great interest of the efforts exerted in relation to providing widest possible protection and support for the family unit. We would like to invite the delegation to share with the Council its views on the national best practices and major challenges in the area of implementing strong and integrated pro-family policies and applying measures to further protect and support the family unit as the natural and fundamental unit of society.

In conclusion, we submit the following recommendations for the kind consideration of the Government of Brunei Darussalam:

- 1- To consider acceding to ICESCR and ICRMW.**
- 2- To consider establishing a National Human Rights Institution in conformity with the Paris Principles.**
- 3- To take further steps towards ensuring better representation and participation of women in public and political life, including in the Government and Parliament.**
- 4- To continue ensuring the right to safe drinking water and sanitation for all persons.**

I thank you.