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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Costa Rica 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. We have examined with great interest what was mentioned in the report since the first UPR cycle, and we believe that Costa Rica has been a responsible member of the Human Rights Council. In this regard, Egypt presents the following recommendations in the spirit of positive dialogue, hoping that Costa Rica will consider adopting them:

- 1- To consider undertaking a comprehensive review of its normative framework on sanitation, with a view to ensuring the establishment of a coherent and comprehensive system for the collection, management, treatment and disposal of wastewater in order to prevent the contamination of rivers and other water streams.
- 2- To provide effective protection against violence and discrimination against women, in line with an accepted UPR recommendation.
- 3- To continue to take effective measures to improve detention conditions and limit over-crowdedness in detention centers, including those administered by the migration authorities.
- 4- To criminalize all forms of trafficking in children; facilitate access to justice and provide compensation for child victims, and enhance victim protection and assistance.
- 5- To ensure affordable access to basic health care for all children.
- 6- To consider developing programmes to reduce school dropout, increasing investment in educational infrastructure, and promoting effective programmes to address low school attendance.

I thank you Mr. President.