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Mr. President,

I would like to welcome the delegation of Equatorial Guinea 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 by Equatorial Guinea of its commitment to the process of the universal periodic review.

We believe that Equatorial Guinea 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 Equatorial Guinea will consider adopting them:

- 1- To continue to take measures to accelerate the increase of participation of women in political decision-making positions, the judiciary and the civil service.
- 2- To take additional measures to promote equality of access to employment.
- 3- To consider allocating adequate amounts of its available resources for social services and assistance, and to continue stepping up efforts to combat poverty, especially in rural areas.
- 4- To continue to guarantee the allocation of adequate resources for the effective implementation of the educational programmes and to intensify its efforts to address low enrolment rates in primary and basic education.
- 5- To consider pursuing a policy aimed at capacity building to develop the country's cultural sector.

I thank you Mr. President,