



Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt

**The Human Rights Council
Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review
Twentieth Session**

Review of Bosnia and Herzegovina

(Geneva, 5th of November 2014)

Please check against delivery

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the high-level delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and expresses its gratitude for its introductory remarks presenting the national report.

We congratulate Bosnia and Herzegovina for several positive steps it had undertaken since the last review. We commend in particular the work done to consolidate the national institutional infrastructure for protection and promotion of human rights through measures including establishing the Council for Children, developing strategy and guidelines on violence against children and early childhood development, unification of ombudsman institutions, revision of the definition of torture, and devising a national action plan on combating corruption. We are also encouraged by Bosnia and Herzegovina's ratification of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We invite the delegation to share with the Council its assessment of the value added of developing a comprehensive national action plan on human rights, with a view of increasing the coordination of national efforts in this regard, including on ensuring effective follow-up on the accepted UPR recommendations.

In conclusion, we recommend the following for the kind consideration of the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- 1- To provide, in accordance with its obligations under international human rights law, effective protection for the family as the fundamental and natural unit of society.
- 2- To maintain its efforts in the area of combating trafficking in persons, especially women and children, including through a victim-oriented approach and an enhanced level of international

and regional cooperation.

- 3- To further its efforts in promoting the rights of persons with disability, including through considering a consolidated national action plan and designating an implementation national focal point, and providing the resources necessary resources to further ensure inclusive education and accessibility for persons with disability.

I thank you.
