

Egypt

Statement by Portugal

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the Delegation of Egypt and thanks it for the presentation of the UPR report.

Portugal welcomes that the January 2014 Constitution establishes, to a great length, provisions to guarantee the respect of human rights and encourages Egypt to fully accomplish the process towards improving the human rights situation in the country, by ensuring the effective protection of fundamental rights and freedoms. We recommend that Egypt considers developing Human Rights Indicators, as suggested by the OHCHR, as a fundamental tool for the realization of human rights.

Portugal is deeply concerned by the fact that Egypt continues to apply the capital punishment. We recommend that Egypt commute the sentences of persons sentenced to death and establish a *moratorium* on executions. We recommend that Egypt ratifies the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and abolishes the death penalty.

In closing, Portugal recommends that Egypt withdraws its reservations to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (arts. 21 and 22) and ratify its Optional Protocol without reservations. We also recommend the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Thank you.