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Review of the Arab Republic of Egypt

**Statement by Rwanda delivered by H.E. François-Xavier  
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Thank you Mr. President.

1. Rwanda warmly welcomes the delegation of Egypt led by the Honourable Minister of Transitional Justice and Human Rights and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. Rwanda commends Egypt for its continued efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its people and to consolidate the rule of law and the democratic process. We particularly commend Egypt for the development of a clear roadmap for the transition from the popular revolutions, the adoption of a progressive constitution, holding successful Presidential elections and on preparations for parliamentary elections.

**Rwanda would like to make the following recommendations:**

- Consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.
- In collaboration with the International community, intensify efforts to combat human trafficking.

- Intensify efforts to ensure gender equality and eliminate sexual and gender based violence including through considering development of a national action plan on implementation of SCR 1325.

We wish Egypt every success in the implementation of the recommendations of this UPR. Thank you.