



20th session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Egypt

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Statement by Afghanistan

Mr. President,

Afghanistan welcomes the distinguished delegation of Egypt to the 20th session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of its national report.

Since its last review, and in the face of multifarious challenges, Egypt has made strenuous efforts in the promotion, protection and advancement of human rights. The institutional and legislative reforms following a period of political and social instability are noteworthy.

Afghanistan welcomes the negotiations on the establishment of an OHCHR regional office for North Africa in Cairo and applauds Egypt for its willingness to host the office. We also welcome the Egyptian development vision for 2030 that guarantees human rights in a context of a growing population and growing social demands.

Finally, we would like to present the following recommendations for the kind consideration of Egypt:

1. Adopt comprehensive measures to address violence against women and girls.
2. Ensure equal access of girls and women to all levels and fields of education.

Thank you.