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UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
THE 20TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP
Consideration of the UPR Working Group on Egypt

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Thank you Mr. President,

We wish to express appreciation and congratulate Mr. Ibrahim al Heneidy, minister of transitional justice for the comprehensive and informative presentation of the National Report.

We commend the Government for adoption of the amended Constitution, transparent presidential elections held in May 2014 and creation of the new Ministry of Transitional Justice, in charge of human rights and freedoms. We appreciate the fact that the Report acknowledges the challenges and difficulties in the field of human rights that the country is facing. In this regard we take positive note of the strategies and commitments made by the country and aimed at overcoming shortcomings.

We would like to make the following recommendations:

- To increase the number of women in law enforcement agencies, including the police department,
- To continue ensuring that national efforts aimed at combating corruption include the consolidation of the principles of transparency and accountability, and
- To elaborate a comprehensive and multidisciplinary strategy to prevent and address exploiting young citizens through illegal migration.

Thank you Mr. President.