

**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
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Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes to welcome the delegation of Egypt led by H.E Mr. Ibrahim El-Heneidy, Minister of Transitional Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

Brunei Darussalam is encouraged by the comprehensive consultations made during the preparation of the national report. This shows the government's commitment in ensuring that the promotion and protection of rights of its population are carried out in a transparent and inclusive manner.

Brunei Darussalam commends the government's initiative to enhance the people's right to education especially in the eradication of illiteracy by cooperating with the specific governates, CSOs as well as other international organisations. Brunei Darussalam therefore **recommends** the Egyptian government to continue its various programmes in this regard.

We also welcome the many initiatives by the government to ensure the empowerment of women in the economic, health and social perspectives including the integration of women as well as the establishment of women health centres. Brunei Darussalam therefore **recommends** the Government to continue its efforts in these areas to ensure the promotion and protection of women's rights in the country.

Thank you.