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We welcome the delegation of Egypt and thank them for the submission of the National Report, as well as the presentation today. We commend Egypt on its cooperative participation with United Nations agencies involved in its UPR process.

We also commend Egypt's action on the legislative level to devote effort to the pressing issue of children at risk of being subject to human trafficking. To combat anti-human trafficking policy plans and coordinate programs at the national level, we compliment the establishment of the National Coordinating Committee to Combat and Prevent Trafficking in Persons. Furthermore, we commend the effort taken to guarantee full partnership between government bodies and local and international children's rights organizations.

Serbia encourages the continuation of national efforts to fight for the protection of children's rights. In this regard, we recommend to the government of Egypt to strengthen measures to eradicate economic exploitation of children and to amend the national Labor Code to bring it into conformity with ILO Convention No. 182.

Lastly, we take note that further measures are needed regarding the discrimination of vulnerable groups of women in social, political and economic spheres of influence. In Egypt's efforts to improve the status of women in society, Serbia recommends the implementation of a national plan of action that would abolish traditional practices and stereotypes that consequently widen the gender gap.