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Mr. President,

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) warmly welcomes the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt and expresses thanks for the informative presentation of its comprehensive National Report.

We commend in particular its active role and initiatives in the field of international human rights with a view to rejecting politicization, selectivity and double standards and safeguarding justice and objectivity as well as its constructive engagement in the UPR process.

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> review, the Government of Egypt took steps to implement recommendations it accepted. We take note, with appreciation, that a number of laws and decrees have been enacted for strengthening socio-political and judicial system and lots of projects and programmes were developed and implemented to ensure human rights and fundamental freedoms of the entire people.

We note in particular positive developments and significant achievements made in empowerment of women and in respect and promotion of their human rights. In this regard, we recommend the Government of Egypt to promote its efforts aimed at combating violence against women and realizing further equality between women and men.

While recognizing a number of positive steps taken to ensure refugee rights and deal with issues involving emigration and migrants, it is also recommended to intensify and carry forward its efforts aimed at combating illegal migration and effectively addressing its dangerous ramifications, namely drowning due to illegal migration attempts through sea boats.

We wish the Arab Republic of Egypt the best of success in its continued efforts for protection and promotion of human rights.

Thank you