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Statement by Slovakia
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Mr President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Egypt for the presentation of the national report focusing on main developments in the field of human rights. We would appreciate broader involvement of relevant national stakeholders in the process of preparation of the national report also in the context of the next UPR cycle.

We take note of positive elements related to human rights in the new Constitution and hope that legislation will be based on its letter and spirit.

Slovakia hopes that the Government of Egypt successfully concludes negotiations on the establishment of an OHCHR regional office in Cairo.

Slovakia would like to make the following recommendations to Egypt:

- 1. Prepare and adopt the law affirming the right to establish non-governmental organisations merely upon notification (Art. 75 of the Constitution).**
- 2. Amend the Act No. 107/2013 on the Right to Public Meetings and Peaceful Assemblies (Art. 73 of the Constitution).**
- 3. Implement effectively the instrument of pre-trial detention on exceptional basis (Art. 54 of the Constitution).**

Thank you.