

**Statement by the Delegation of Kazakhstan
at the 20th Session of WG of HRC / UPR of Egypt**

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Merci Monsieur le President,

Kazakhstan warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Egypt led by H.E. Mr. Al Heneidy to this UPR WG session and thank the delegation for the comprehensive report and today's presentation.

We appreciate the steps taken by the Government of Egypt for the progress in promoting and protecting human rights.

In particular Kazakhstan commends the adoption of the new Constitution in January 2014 which is an important step towards improving the human rights situation in the country. We hope that it will be followed by concrete steps to review and amend national legislation to ensure its conformity with the new constitutional provisions.

Mr. President, Kazakhstan would like to make the following recommendations:

1. To exert further efforts towards the realization of economic, social and cultural rights, including through strengthening its social protection measures.
2. To continue its national efforts aimed at combating trafficking in persons, including through international and regional cooperation.
3. To take further steps to ensure the promotion of the values of tolerance, dialogue and mutual understanding at the local level.

I thank you, Mr. President!