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**Statement**  
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Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Egypt to the 20<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and would like to thank for a comprehensive National Report for the Second Cycle of the UPR.

My delegation takes note that, since the last UPR, Egypt has accepted a large number of recommendations and has taken necessary steps to implement them. It also amended the constitution in January 2014, which reflected a transformation towards improving the human rights situation in the country.

The Lao PDR is pleased to see the progress made by the Government of Egypt in promoting of freedoms of opinion, expression, press and publication and health care services, combating human trafficking and empowering women in politics by increasing number of women seats in the People's Assembly.

We commend efforts made by Egypt in addressing unemployment, ensuring comprehensive development for all groups, eradicating illiteracy, providing sustainable housing for specific groups and setting a minimum standard of living for the most poverty-stricken group.

In this connection, my delegation wishes to recommend the Government of Egypt to continue its cooperation with the UN, other International Organizations and human rights mechanisms to overcome remaining constraints and challenges.

We wish Egypt a very success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President