



13

Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt

**The Human Rights Council
Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review
Twentieth Session**

Review of Italy

**Statement by: H.E. Ambassador Amr Ramadan
Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN, World Trade
Organization, and Other International Organizations in Geneva**

(Geneva, 27th of October 2014)

Please check against delivery

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Italy led by H.E. the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Egypt is encouraged by several positive developments that took place since the last review. We commend in particular the adoption of a law on access to labor markets for foreigners, the overturning by the constitutional court of aggravating of circumstances for illegal migration, as well as other welcomed measures in the areas of women and children's rights and combating human trafficking. It is also noteworthy that Italy, as a major international development partner on both the bilateral and triangular levels, is striving to maintain its ODA commitments albeit the strains resulting from the financial crisis.

While we are conscious of the challenges that still exist in the domains of migration policies, and combating racism and xenophobia; we are confident that the stepped up efforts exerted by Italy in these areas will contribute to address the identified pending issues. We take positive note in this connection of the increasing efforts in sea rescue operations, migration management agreements with neighboring countries including the agreement with Egypt, and the adoption of a new National Action Plan on combating Racism and Xenophobia including in sports competitions. To this effect, Egypt recommends that Italy studies the possibility of acceding to ICRMW (International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers), as a com~

2- To provide, in accordance with its obligations under international human rights law, effective protection for the family as the fundamental and natural unit of society.

3- To continue its efforts in promoting the rights of persons with disability, including through expanding inclusive education, ensuring increased access of women with disabilities to employment, and enhancing the relevant data collection and analysis tools.

I thank you.

