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**Mr. President,**

**My delegation welcomes the delegation of Kazakhstan, and wishes it a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> UPR session.**

**We are encouraged by the various legislations and measures enacted by the Government since 2010, in the context of the Kazakhstan 2050 Strategy, to protect and promote human rights. We welcome in particular the new measures on prevention and combating torture, the improvement in conditions of prisons and correctional facilities, and the increasing growth in media and access to internet and information.**

**Kazakhstan features remarkable multi-ethnic and multi-faith harmony and mutual understanding. We commend in this regard the efforts by the Government to ensure equal access to all citizens to employment, education, and participation in the political process. Egypt recommends the continuation of these efforts, and invites the delegation to highlight the national best practices that were recorded in promoting diversity and pluralism in public schooling system.**

**In conclusion, we recommend the following for the kind consideration of the Government of Kazakhstan:**

- 1- To finalize the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and to Consider the possibility of acceding to the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their families.**
- 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 maintain its efforts in the area of combating trafficking in persons, especially women and children, based on the relevant National Action Plan endorsed in 2012.**

**I thank you.**

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