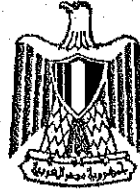


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Statement by the Delegation
Of the Arab Republic of Egypt
At the 20th Session
Of the Working Group
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Review of the Republic of Madagascar
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Mr. President,

The delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt wishes, at the outset, to commend the constructive national process that took place in the Republic of Madagascar employing comprehensive dialogue, aimed at achieving a political solution that would ultimately lead to the restoration of a lasting democracy in the country. The delegation, in the same vein, positively notes the adoption of the act establishing the Independent National Human Rights Commission in June 2014. It is as well positively noted that measures have been taken to protect the health of women and children and to improve the population access to health care. The Egyptian delegation also recognizes progressive measures aimed at empowering women in different socio-economic fields.

In view thereof, the Egyptian Delegation urges the government of the Republic of Madagascar to pursue the same positive path, with a view to further developing the situation of human rights in the country.

Finally, the Egyptian delegation presents the following recommendations for the kind consideration of the Government of Madagascar:

- 1- Seeking to overcome obstacles that hinder the implementation of the act on trafficking, and expediting the current process of setting up a standing mechanism to combat trafficking.
- 2- Maintaining efforts aimed at combating various forms of violence against women.
- 3- Promoting efforts aimed at implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Thank you Mr. President.
