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**Mr. President,**

**Egypt extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Armenia, and wishes the Armenian Government and people a very successful review process.**

**Egypt congratulates Armenia for holding the parliamentary and presidential elections in 2012 and 2013 consecutively. We commend the establishment of a National Commission on constitutional reforms, providing enhanced support for the National Human Rights Institution, elaboration of a national strategy and action plan on protection of human rights, promulgation of a new law on freedom of assembly, and adopting measures to further strengthen independence of judiciary and enhance representation of women in parliament.**

**Egypt welcomes also the ratification of the Convention on the rights of persons with disability and the signature of the International Convention on the rights of migrant workers and their families, and recommend the consideration of expediting the process of its ratification.**

**Egypt presents also the following recommendations for the kind consideration of the Government of Armenia:**

- 1- To proceed in its effective efforts in combating trafficking in persons, especially women and children.**
- 2- To continue providing effective protection for the family unit, as the natural and fundamental unit of the society.**
- 3- To further strengthen its efforts in the areas of equality between women and men, eradicating violence against women, and promoting rights of the child.**

**I thank you.**

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