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Mr. President,

Egypt welcomes the high level delegation of Lao People's Democratic Republic and wishes the Government of Lao a successful and constructive review.

We welcome the handful of positive policy and legislative reforms undertaken during the period under review including elaborating the 5 year legislative plan, anti-corruption measures, the progress achieved in eradication of extreme poverty, the enhanced compliance of national laws with international human rights obligations, and the accession to the United Nation Convention against Torture.

Egypt acknowledges that "unexploded ordinances- UXOs" constitutes a major obstacle that negatively impact the Government's efforts to achieve development and protect and promote human rights. We urge the international community to robustly assist the Government of Lao financially and technically in addressing this significant issue.

In conclusion, we present the following recommendations for the consideration of the Government of Lao:

- 1- To continue its efforts in realizing the right to work through comprehensive policies for productive and decent employment.
- 2- To consider the possibility of ratifying the International Convention on the rights of Migrant Workers and their Families.
- 3- To continue to provide effective protection for the family, as the natural and fundamental unit of the society.
- 4- To consider establishing a National Human Rights Institution in line with the Paris Principles.

I thank you.
