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Mr. President,

My delegation extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Belarus.

The delegation of Egypt commends the steps undertaken since the last review to implement accepted recommendations including in the areas of combating human trafficking, protection of the family and prevention of torture. We also commend the legal reforms adopted in relation to the labor code and the code of criminal procedures. It is noteworthy as well that Belarus achieved considerable progress in achieving the MDGs and other human development targets. On the other hand, we salute the active leading role played by Belarus on issues of combating human trafficking and protection of the family in the United Nations.

In addition, my delegation welcomes the ongoing cooperation between the Government of Belarus and the Office of the High Commissioner in the area of technical cooperation and capacity building.

We take note of the current consultations concerning the possibility of acceding to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW). We recommend the Government of Belarus to consider ratifying these instruments.

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

- 1- To continue to take effective measures ensuring the realization of the right to work for its citizens including through national programs to promote decent work and full and productive employment specially for women and young people.
- 2- To take further steps aimed at strengthening its national institutions in the area of protection and promotion of the rights of the child.

I thank you.
