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Statement by the Delegation
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The Egyptian delegation wishes to welcome the high level delegation of the Republic of Jamaica to the present universal periodic review session.

My delegation commends the adoption of legislative measures aimed at eliminating discrimination against women, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, which provided for the right to non-discrimination, the Sexual Offences Act and the Child Pornography Prevention Act, which is aimed at promoting gender equality and eliminating violence against women and girls. However, there still remain practices related to trafficking in persons for sexual exploitation and forced labour and at the lack of prevention and protection mechanisms for victims, including rehabilitation schemes.

Finally, the Egyptian delegation wishes to propose the following recommendations for the kind consideration of the Government of Jamaica:

- Ensure that all perpetrators of trafficking in persons are investigated and prosecuted; and provide adequate protection, reparation and compensation and rehabilitation to the victims.
- Take measures to prevent children from being economically exploited by adopting legislation and policies to address child labour in both the formal and informal sectors.
- Developing programmes aimed at promoting the awareness of police on human rights values and principles.
- Adopt a comprehensive national housing strategy with a view to ensuring access to adequate and affordable housing.
 Thank you.