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Statement by the Delegation
Of the Arab Republic of Egypt
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Review of Malawi
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The Egyptian delegation wishes first to extend a warm welcome to the high level delegation of the Republic of Malawi to the universal periodic review session.

My delegation welcomes conducting the first tripartite elections in Malawi, on 20 May 2014, electing a fifth post-independence President, Members of Parliament and Local Government Councillors. In the same context, my Delegation commends the constructive role played by various competent institutions in the field of protecting human rights in Malawi. These include the Human Rights Commission; the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs; the Office of the Ombudsman; and the Law Commission. On a second note, the delegation, furthermore, welcomes the adoption of the Gender Equality Act.

The Egyptian delegation, moreover, encourages the Government of Malawi to pursue its policies aimed at enhancing the empowerment of women in various socio-economic fields, as well as combating the negative phenomenon of street children.

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

- Expedite the adoption of a law on trafficking in persons, which would provide for the criminalization of all forms of trafficking, sanctions and adequate assistance for victims.
 - Seek to amend the Penal Code to criminalize all forms of sexual abuse of children, regardless of the sex of the child, bring perpetrators to justice and rehabilitate and compensate the victims.
 - Consider possible means of a stricter enforcement of existing laws, with a view to combating different forms of violence against women and girls.
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