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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the high-level delegation of Myanmar.

Since the last review Myanmar witnessed important positive developments in relation to democratic transition and promotion of human rights including the 2012 elections and the constitutional reform process. It is important to commend in particular the recurrent legal and judicial reforms, establishment of the National Human Rights Commission, accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and enhanced investment in education, healthcare and social protection.

On the other hand, the continued violations and abuses, such as denial of citizenship and restrictions on the rights of freedom of movement and religion and belief, against Rohingya Muslims remain a source of serious concern bearing in mind the internal displacement and irregular migration it resulted in. Egypt recommends the Government of Myanmar to ensure the protection of human rights of all Rohingya Muslims, address discrimination against them including by combating incitement to hatred and publicly condemning such acts as well as taking all the necessary measures to ensure accountability for violations of human rights against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. We also recommend the Government to prevent the destruction of places of worship and cemeteries.

To conclude, we additionally recommend the following to the kind consideration of the Government of Myanmar:

- 1- To consider ratifying the International Convention against Racial Discrimination (ICERD), International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the International Convention on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and all the Members of their Families (ICRMW).
- 2- To take steps towards establishing a National Human Rights Institution in line with the Paris Principles.

I thank you.

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