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Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt

**The Human Rights Council
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Review of Denmark

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Mr. President,

The delegation of Egypt welcomes the delegation of Denmark.

Egypt welcomes steps taken by Denmark since the last review such as enhanced human rights education, the special office for children and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities including through electoral reform.

On the other hand, we are concerned with reports on adopting more restrictive policies on migration and asylum-seeking including the new law on confiscating valuable belongings to cover refugees' expenses in clear violation of their rights under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the two Covenants. Egypt recommends amending the Aliens Act to ensure compatibility with human rights obligations.

We are also concerned with increasing incidents of hate crimes, racist discourse, xenophobia and discriminatory door policies. Egypt recommends explicit prohibition of organizations promoting racial and religious hatred as well as prohibition of racial profiling and allowing victims to institute criminal proceedings on hate speech. We also recommend Denmark to refrain from banning or setting age limit on non-therapeutic circumcision of boys.

Moreover, we recommend the following:

- 1- The ratification of the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW).
- 2- Providing protection for the family as the natural and fundamental unit of the society.
- 3- Incorporating the international instruments it acceded to into domestic legislation.

I thank you.
