



**Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

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Mr. President,

The delegation of Egypt warmly welcomes to the Estonian delegation.

Egypt commends Estonia for ratifying the CRPD and the CRC's Optional Protocol on Children in armed conflict as well as the creation of children ombudsman, adoption of the children and families strategy and efforts in the area of combating human trafficking.

Regarding reports on limited investigation and low prosecution in allegations of police brutality, Egypt recommends amending the penal code to include a definition of torture in conformity with CAT and conducting independent and prompt investigation of all claims of torture and ill-treatment.

Concerns are also raised regarding xenophobic and racist discourse in media and politics, situation of Roma, racially motivated hate crimes including against asylum-seekers in Vao village. Egypt recommends aggravating circumstance in hate-motivated crimes as well as prohibiting and criminalizing racist organizations, hate speech, incitement to hatred and the dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority and hatred.

Moreover, Egypt recommends the following:

- 1- Address gender pay gap for work of equal value.
- 2- Ratification of the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW).
- 3- Providing protection for the family as the natural and fundamental unit of the society.
- 4- Establish as soon as possible a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) in accordance with the Paris principles.

I thank you.

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