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Mr. President,

The delegation of Egypt welcomes the delegation of Latvia.

Egypt welcomes a number of steps taken since the last review including the gender equality action plan, the national strategy for the prevention of human trafficking and human rights education.

We appreciate sharing more information regarding efforts to address the reported sources of concern in the areas of racism, discrimination against Roma, rights of the so called "non-citizens", excessive use of force and ill-treatment in police facilities, domestic violence and human trafficking.

Egypt recommends the following:

- 1- 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- Facilitating the integration of refugees including by combating stereotypes, prejudice and hate speech.
- 4- Ensuring the conformity of the definition of torture in criminal law with the Convention against Torture (CAT), not subjecting the crime of torture to statute of limitations and that the detention facilities are subject to monitoring by impartial and independent mechanisms.
- 5- Investigating and prosecuting crimes of trafficking in persons and providing effective support and rehabilitation for the victims.

I thank you.
