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Mr. President,

We extend a warm welcome to the delegation from Ireland.

It is important to highlight a number of positive steps since last review including the draft action plan on combating human trafficking, the criminal law bill and strengthened measures for juvenile and youth justice.

On the other hand several other issues of recurrent concern require immediate attention and action such as the negative impact of austerity measures on human rights, weak legal protection of economic, social and cultural rights, pervasive gender inequality and domestic and sexual violence against women, discriminatory school admission policies on the basis of religion, structural discrimination against Travellers and Roma and increasing incidents of racially motivated crimes and incitement to racial and religious hatred.

In conclusion, Egypt recommends the following:

- 1- To ratify the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW) and the Optional Protocol to CRC on Sale of Children (OP-CRC-SC) as a matter of priority.
- 2- To provide protection of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of the society.
- 3- To amend the General Scheme of the International Protection Bill to address family reunification, best interests of the child and the legal framework of reception conditions.
- 4- To remove all exceptions that allows marriage under the age of 18 years.
- 5- Ensuring complete separation of remand and sentenced prisoners, juvenile and adult prisoners and detained immigrants.

I thank you.
