



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

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**Review of Samoa**

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**Mr. President,**

**Egypt welcomes the delegation of Samoa and would like to thank its members for the insightful presentation. We congratulate the Government of Samoa on all its efforts exerted in implementing the outcome of the first cycle of the UPR.**

**Egypt commends the progress achieved by the Government of Samoa in the areas of rights of child, women, political participation, education and health. We acknowledge the commitment by the Government to the promotion and protection of human rights for its citizens, the adoption of the National Development Strategy, and of several plans on different fields of human rights including the National Sexual reproductive Health Policy.**

**We are also encouraged by the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution in 2013 and a Special Investigations Unit to monitor and investigate human rights complaints .**

**Egypt recommends the following for the kind consideration of the Government of Samoa:**

- 1- To consider the ratification of all core human rights conventions.**
- 2- To continue efforts aiming at enhancing human rights education especially for children.**
- 3- To continue the cooperation with OHCHR including on identifying and developing programs for capacity building and technical assistance.**

**I thank you.**

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