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**Statement by Austria**

Austria welcomes H.E. Mr. Omar Marwan and the delegation of Egypt to the UPR and thanks them for the submission of their national report.

Austria commends efforts to improve education and health services for everyone. While also acknowledging the risk of terrorist attacks, we are disturbed by reports of excessive constrain of human rights and the increased use of the death penalty.

We are also concerned by reports of excessive response to protests across the country and lack of accountability for serious human rights violations, such as arbitrary detention, torture and enforced disappearances.

While we welcome the new NGO Law, we see the need for further improvement in this area.

We recommend:

1. Investigate and ensure accountability for alleged police abuses, in line with international standards.
2. Consider establishing a moratorium on the death penalty.
3. Ensure that NGO legislation and its implementation are in line with international standards;
4. Amend Article 122 of the Child Law in order to ensure that children and juvenile offenders are never prosecuted alongside adults.
5. Ratify the Rome Statute of the ICC and OPCAT.