**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (34th SESSION)**

**REVIEW OF EGYPT**

**INTERVENTION BY TURKEY**

**(13 November 2019)**

Mr. President,

Disproportionate reactions of the Egyptian authorities against the exercise of the rights to assembly and expression are unacceptable.

Turkey has grave concerns about the practice of widespread arrests in violence of the exercise of the right to freedom of opinions and expression.

Reports of international organizations indicate that torture is used as a systematic practice in Egypt.

Turkey recalls international community’s concerns and suspicions regarding the conditions of detention and death of the former President Mohamed Morsi.

Within this context, **we recommend** Egypt to:

**1) Take immediate measures to assume its obligations under the international law to respect and protect human rights.**

**2) Promptly and effectively investigate any allegations of torture or ill-treatment in detention and to take effective legislative, administrative, judicial or other measures to prevent such acts.**

**3) Ensure that all death sentences are reviewed, and to consider a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its abolition.**

**4) Ensure that a prompt, impartial, through and transparent investigation is carried out by an independent body to clarify the cause of death of late President Morsi.**

Thank you Mr. President.