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**Review of Egypt**

**Statement by Greece**

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Thank you Mr President.

Greece warmly welcomes the delegation of Egypt to the UPR.

We recognize the challenges Egypt has faced since its last review. We welcome the improved status the 2014 Constitution has awarded to the international human rights framework. In that regard, we call on Egypt to pursue its efforts towards the ratification of core Human Rights international instruments. We acknowledge the efforts of Egypt’s Government and people in hosting refugees and asylum seekers.

**Greece recommends that Egypt:**

1. Ensure the process of investigating human rights violations is effective, transparent, impartial and independent.
2. Ensure that freedom of expression is safeguarded in all its forms in accordance with Egypt’s international commitments.
3. Continue efforts towards achieving a greater participation of women in political and economic life, as well as towards their increased representation in leadership positions.

Greece wishes the Delegation of Egypt success in implementing the recommendations received today.

I thank you.