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Egypt

The Maldives delegation would like to warmly welcome the high-level delegation from Egypt to Geneva and wish them a successful review. We also congratulate them for their comprehensive and inclusive national report.

The Maldives welcomes the establishment of numerous institutions to promote and protect human rights in Egypt, including the establishment of the National Council for Human Rights. The importance given to the advancement and strengthening of women's right is also evident from the establishment of the National Council for Women and the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood.

The Maldives notes that the Constitution of Egypt guarantees the right to education to all citizens, and that education is free at all stages in Egypt. We also note that the national report mentions there are shortcomings at different stages of education. With these positive developments in mind, the Maldives recommends that Egypt address the challenge of reducing the school drop-out rate and reducing the illiteracy rates among adults, in particular women.

Thank you.