



EGYPT

A Committed Candidate for the Human Rights Council

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To:

- Enhance the dialogue on human rights issues to realize the effectiveness and efficiency of HRC through developing its standard-setting mandate and the modalities for the Universal Periodic Review and strengthening the system of special procedures, in a manner that ensures the complementarity of its mechanisms;
- Reform the UN treaty-body system;
- Support the work of the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) in fulfilling its mandate; Raise the overall global awareness and promoting full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms in a cooperative approach that leads to concrete results;
- Engage NGOs and civil society in ensuring the protection and promotion of human rights;
- Empower women and promoting the advancement of their equal social, economic and political rights, within a framework that eliminates all forms of discrimination;
- Effectively protect the rights of the child, in particular the girl child;
- Achieve the universality of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- Ensure the protection of the human rights of civilians in armed conflicts, including through Egypt's initiative of 2005 in the Commission on Human Rights (CHR);

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- Enhance the system of international protection for refugees, in conformity with Human Rights Law, Refugee Law and International Humanitarian Law;
 - Promote the rights of migrants, including through social integration;
 - Promote cultural and religious tolerance, and combating racial discrimination and xenophobia;
 - Promote democracy, rule of law and good governance at all levels;
 - Work towards the full realization of the right to development and poverty eradication;
 - Enhance South-South cooperation through innovative instruments.

As a member of the African, Arab and Islamic worlds, and as a strong advocate for international and regional peace and security, support for Egypt's election to the Human Rights Council will provide added impetus to the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms as an integral part of the ongoing reform efforts in Egypt and the extensive Egyptian efforts in this regard at the regional and international levels.

The Renaissance of Egypt

A granite statue for the great Egyptian sculpture Mahmoud Mokhtar (1891-1934), is considered an embodiment of modern Egypt. The statue portrays Egypt as a woman aware of her heritage and looking forward to the future, revealing the long standing conviction of the leading role of women in Egyptian society.

