

Statement by the delegation of Egypt under Agenda item 6

The delegation of Egypt aligns itself with the intervention made by the delegation of Mozambique on behalf of the African Group.

The delegation of Egypt takes note of the briefing by the Executive Director on the Draft Strategic Plan, and reiterates its request to amend the following in the Draft Strategic Plan;

To replace in paragraph 26 the phrase “anchored in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Human Rights Framework” with “anchored in International Human Rights Law”. which legally binds Member States, contrary to UDHR, which is only a political declaration, to which Member States have only moral obligation. Whereas the International Human Rights Framework is a vague term and does not exist in International Law.

To delete the word “and harassment” in paragraph 37, as forms of violence against women include the harassment.

To delete the phrase “and girls” in paragraph 54, as explained before by this delegation, that referring to girls and then children is not accurate, given that girls are children.

The delegation of Egypt reiterates these comments which were neglected by the Secretariat twice, and wishes to see them reflected in the Draft Strategic Plan, in preparation for its consideration and possible adoption by the Assembly.