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1. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Ensure the effective implementation of policies on gender equality and on combating violence against women, including by criminalizing all forms of violence against women.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report highlights the National Strategy for Women's Empowerment 2030 and some initiatives aimed at gender equality. However, comprehensive legal reforms to criminalize all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence, remain inadequate. Existing laws do not fully address gender-based violence, leaving gaps in protection for women and girls.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 1: Egypt should strengthen its legal framework to criminalize all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence, marital rape, and other forms of gender-based violence. The government should establish monitoring mechanisms to ensure the effective implementation of gender equality policies.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What specific legal reforms has Egypt implemented to criminalize all forms of violence against women?
- How does Egypt monitor and assess the effectiveness of its policies on gender equality and combating violence against women?

2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Continue taking measures to promote and ensure the full realization of all human rights for young people.

Egypt's Response Since 2019:

Egypt's National Report outlines some youth-focused initiatives, such as education and employment programs. However, challenges remain in ensuring that young people have access to opportunities, especially in marginalized areas. Youth face barriers in accessing quality education, employment, and participation in decision-making processes, limiting the realization of their full rights.

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Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 2: Egypt should expand programs promoting the rights of young people, focusing on education, employment, and political participation. Targeted initiatives should prioritize marginalized youth and ensure their voices are represented in decision-making processes.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- What specific measures has Egypt taken to promote the rights of young people in education, employment, and civic participation?
- How does Egypt ensure that marginalized youth have equal access to opportunities and resources?

3. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Impose a moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its abolition.**Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report defends the death penalty as constitutionally supported, emphasizing procedural safeguards. Despite international calls for a moratorium, Egypt continues to apply the death penalty, including in politically sensitive cases. No steps have been taken to reduce or limit the scope of capital punishment.

Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:

Recommendation 3: Egypt should establish an immediate moratorium on the death penalty as a preliminary step toward its eventual abolition. The government should also review death penalty cases to ensure compliance with fair trial standards and consider commutations where appropriate.

Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:

- Has Egypt taken any steps to implement a moratorium on the death penalty?
- What mechanisms are in place to review death penalty cases and ensure fair trial standards are met?

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Conclusion

Moldova's 2019 recommendations focused on advancing gender equality, protecting the rights of young people, and moving towards the abolition of the death penalty. Egypt's National Report highlights some initiatives, but critical gaps remain in legal protections, youth empowerment, and the application of capital punishment. The proposed recommendations for 2025 stress the importance of targeted legal reforms and policy implementation to align with international human rights standards.

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