

# **Report for Namibia: Egypt's 2019 UPR Recommendations and Proposed Actions for 2025**

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### **1. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Repeal or amend the personal status law to ensure the equal rights of women and men in all matters relating to marriage, family relations, inheritance, divorce, and child custody.**

#### **Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report references its commitment to gender equality as part of the National Strategy for Women's Empowerment 2030. However, personal status laws still contain provisions that discriminate against women, particularly in areas such as inheritance, divorce, and child custody. These discriminatory laws limit women's rights in family matters and are not fully aligned with international standards on gender equality.

#### **Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:**

*Recommendation 1:* Egypt should repeal or amend discriminatory provisions in its personal status laws to guarantee equal rights for women and men in marriage, family relations, inheritance, divorce, and child custody. The government should implement oversight mechanisms to ensure that these changes are effectively applied and protect women's rights in family matters.

#### **Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:**

- What specific steps has Egypt taken to amend personal status laws to ensure equal rights for women and men in family matters?
- How does Egypt plan to monitor and enforce gender equality in areas of inheritance, divorce, and child custody?

### **2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Accede to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa.**

#### **Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt has yet to accede to the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa, also known as the Maputo Protocol. This protocol is a critical instrument for advancing women's rights in the African region, addressing issues such as gender equality,

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reproductive rights, and protection from violence. Accession to the protocol would demonstrate Egypt's commitment to aligning its domestic laws with broader African standards on women's rights.

### **Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:**

*Recommendation 2:* Egypt should take steps to accede to the Maputo Protocol, committing to the protection and promotion of women's rights as outlined in the African Charter. Accession to this protocol would reinforce Egypt's dedication to advancing gender equality and enhancing protections for women.

### **Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:**

- Has Egypt taken steps toward accession to the Maputo Protocol, and is there a timeline for this process?
- How does Egypt plan to align its domestic laws and policies with the provisions of the Maputo Protocol to ensure comprehensive protections for women's rights?

## **Conclusion**

Namibia's 2019 recommendations for Egypt focus on promoting gender equality within personal status laws and encouraging Egypt's accession to the Maputo Protocol. While Egypt's National Report indicates some progress under its Women's Empowerment Strategy, further action is needed to align family and inheritance laws with international standards and formalize its commitment to women's rights through regional protocols. The proposed recommendations for 2025 highlight the need for legal reforms and accession to international frameworks.

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