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Thank you chair,

Egypt aligns itself with the statements delivered by Togo on behalf of the African Group and Venezuela on behalf of group of NAM.

At the outset, I would like to join my voice to the previous speakers in congratulating you for your re-election as a chair person rapporteur for the fifth session of the IGWG wishing you success in guiding and steering the discussion and we are looking forward to finalizing the Draft Declaration of the right of Peasants and other people working in the rural areas in this session and to submitting it to the Human rights Council in its 38th session in accordance with the Human rights Council resolution 36/22,

Egypt fully supports the mandate of the IGWG and has participated in its previous sessions and will continue to participate constructively in the discussion until the adoption of the Draft Declaration aiming at promoting and protecting peasants and other people working in rural areas in recognition to their contribution to development.

We welcome the improvements in the text of the Draft Declaration we believe that it is balanced and takes into consideration concerns and

proposals explained by delegations in the fourth and previous sessions of the IGWG.

A world face by hunger, poverty and a widespread economic crises necessitates enhancing international cooperation with view to protecting the most effected segments of the societies including the small scale, traditional and family farmers, which we also believe that it requires the attention of the Human Rights Council to ensure that the right to development as a basic human right, is fulfilled and enjoyed by everyone with no discrimination, and as a way to fulfill other inter related human rights.

Finally, we call upon all delegations to contribute positively to the discussions and to assist the chair person rapporteur to achieve consensus on the draft declaration.

Thank you chair.
