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Mrs Chairman, special Rapporteurs and members of the council

In this session I would like to direct your attention to the societal persecution of Christians in Egypt which is becoming widespread and resistant to remedies.

Egypt has about 40% of its population live below the poverty line and 40% illiterate; the standards of education and wealth are so variable and the variability is so wide, poor and uneducated horizons are limited, they fall easy prey to the hate messages from hate preachers.

The society in Egypt is varied and complex, it has diverse views which could be so secular and accommodating to diversity not dissimilar from here Europe, but this is a very small part made of well educated open minded people, the majority of the deprived towns and villages grow up with hate to any thing which is not Sunni Islamic, they learn it in the schools and in a lot of mosques. When they grow up they become militant, religious fascists.

Militant sheikhs do not teach the children they are equal to other non-Muslims but teach children they are superiors, they are the masters that Christians and Jews and other non Muslims are inferior and subordinate to them, they teach that non-Muslims can't witness in court, can't marry a Muslim woman, they can't have equal rights on senior jobs they can't even have equal treatment to Muslims in court and their persecution, humiliation and even killing the infidels is a Jihad.

This fascistic and sadistic attitude is rife in Egypt, when Muslim brotherhood took over, they tried to appear moderate but it did not take long to show their real colour, violence is in their DNA.

When they were in power the police failed to investigate crimes committed against Christians, they encouraged the humiliating reconciliation session where the victims were compelled to accept humiliating conditions thus promoting a climate of impunity and intimidations to Christians.

We ask the Minority Rapporteur to persuade the Egyptian Government to:

- 1-Apply the rule of law on perpetrators of violence against Copts and the murderers of Copts in Egypt.
- 2-Stop the police sponsored reconciliation session where Copts are compelled to accept humiliating condition.
- 3-To remove all education and law materials which discriminate against Christians.
- 4-To seek to outlaw the organisations which persecute Christians and declare the Muslim Brotherhood, the chief perpetrator of violence in Egypt a terrorist organisation.