Dear Messers,


Kindly find below Egypt's comments and positions concerning the proposed draft:

1) In Paragraph I.B.8, it is of paramount importance to add reference to "Support and complement national programs".

2) In Paragraph I.C, Egypt proposes to add a reference to "age-appropriate and considerate to cultural, social, and religious backgrounds of different societies". We are of the view that this addition is of great importance specially that we are speaking about human rights education to all education phases including primary and preparatory education for children of a low age bracket.

3) In Paragraph I.C.9 and in all similar references across the text, to add "Internationally recognized" before "human rights standards".

4) Paragraph 34 includes considerable confusion between the definition of "journalists" and the right to freedom of opinion and expression, thus, and since the first part of this paragraph is based on pp9 of UNGA 68/163, Egypt proposes to separate this paragraph into two, the first quotes pp9 UNGA 68/136 in addition to Article 19 of ICCPR, and the second paragraph starts with "For the purpose of this action plan,..." until the end, and only to add "nationally accredited" before "Media Workers".

5) In Paragraph 43.C, Egypt commits to using the full and official terminology used in reference to minorities in accordance with the relevant UNGA declaration, to this effect, in this paragraph or any similar position through the text, we indicate our request to
Insert "National or ethnic, religious and linguistic" before "Minorities" in line with the title of the declaration. In the same vein we propose to change "vulnerable group" to "groups in vulnerable situations".

6) In Paragraph 44.a.iii, it would be difficult in a world program to accept the reference to the work of a specific special rapporteur.

7) In Paragraph 9.b, we call for the full deletion of "sexual orientation".

8) All through the text, we commit to the concept "equality between women and men" instead of "Gender equality".

We hope that the above remarks be duly considered and adequately reflected in the final version of the program.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Mission of Egypt to the UN