

**Main Elements of the Statement by H.E Ambassador Mootaz Ahmadein Khalil
Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations
After the adoption of the draft resolution of the 47th Session of the CPD
(12 April 2014)**

- Egypt requests that the following points be included in the minutes of the meeting:
 - The Arab Group has proposed a paragraph to be included in the draft resolution, based on previous CPD language, which urges Member States to take concerted actions in conformity with international law to remove the obstacles faced by people living in situations of armed conflict or under foreign occupation.
 - This paragraph was accepted by all Member States except by one.
 - In view of the sensitivity of the situation and the current efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East, the Arab Group has accepted not to include this paragraph in the draft resolution.
 - However, we do not see this as setting a precedent, and we reserve the right to bring this language back next year.
 - The whole text of the resolution applies to the State of Palestine, which still faces the challenges of oppression and occupation.
 - We share the concerns raised about the proceedings of this Session.
 - We now have an adopted text that does not include controversial issues. These issues should have been removed from the text from the start. The Population agenda should not be reduced to these issues.

I thank you.