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The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Dakar presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, and with reference to the latter's Note Verbale N°ACHPR/STC/EGY/54/21, concerning the state of the periodic report of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Embassy has the honor to reiterate the following:

- 1. It is factually incorrect to list Egypt as having one overdue periodic report to be submitted under article 62 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. Egypt submitted a combined periodic report on May 2018, covering the period 2001-2017, and it was considered by the Commission at its 64th Ordinary Session in 14 May 2019, during which the discussion covered all human rights related aspects in Egypt until the date of discussion.
- It makes no sense that by the time of the discussion of the combined periodic report,
 Egypt is requested to submit its next report. Accordingly, the periodicity should be
 calculated from the date of discussion, in order to minimize the reporting burden on
 the States Parties.
- 3. In this case, the date of the next Periodic Report of the Arab Republic of Egypt should be calculated from 14 May 2019. Accordingly, the Arab Republic of Egypt should include in the category of States that has already fulfilled its reporting obligations at the time being.
- 4. The above position was relayed to the Commission in the Embassy's Note Verbale N°04/ACHPR/20, dated 20 February 2020 as part of the remarks by the Arab Republic of Egypt on the 47th Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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