

## United Copts of Great Britain on Item II

Mr Chairman and the respected board, I would like to focus on prevention of targeting minorities for the persecution for hardship. People say prevention is better than cure. I am sorry that I was in this session rather than the next one on prevention. I think it was my mistake. For decades, Egypt was known for its harmonious existence of people with different faiths until 30 years ago, when [there was a surge of hatred] from radical extremists in Imam, then spread to Egypt and then the world. By scholars belonging to the Wahhabi sect which originates from Saudi Arabia, which invaded the institute of [Al-Azhar], the most important Sunni institute in the world. At the early 50s Al-Azhar religious education and schools were counted on both hands on Egypt. Now the religious education is 1/3 of secondary school education in Egypt due to the expansion of religious education school during the 80s onwards which reflected badly on peaceful co-existence. The curriculum of Al-Azham as previously said is based on Wahhabi jurisprudence which will teach pupils in the 21 century to hate and despise non-Muslims, kill and even eat the flesh non-Muslims... [interrupted by the Chair] Shall I carry on? And kill those who do not pray...

[interrupted by the Chair: "I request for a point of order from Egypt. Egypt has the floor."]

[interrupted by Egypt speaking in Arabic: "Al-Azhar is a university that covers more than 50,000 students teaching religious science and reflect in [...] form of Islam. [They] are covering a series of religious activities. The presence of the university is met with [...] council. And the statements made here are in no way true. Egypt has in place a constitution adopted following a popular vote which enshrines the right of all Egyptians on equal footing with no discrimination".]

[Chair gives the floor back to the United Copts of Great Britain]

Thank you Mr Chairman, this constitution and law something, and the application of the law something else there are hundreds of families of Christians who are innocent people, who are expelled from their houses, from their countries, from their places of breadwinning and eventually they were [destituted] by the Muslim extremists and the police comes and says, comes and sits down and have informal meeting and after the meeting they expel the Egyptian Christian family. And they don't really go to court [because] they do not apply the law we would like to see the law applicable to everybody. The world needs to pressurise al-Ahzar to remove all materials of hate from its books and, number 1: stop its graduates from going around the world to preach hate. Number 2: to prevent its graduates from studying for higher education or work abroad until it removes all of hate messages from its book, curriculum and [...] And to enlist Al-Ahzar as a terrorist organisation if it doesn't comply with that. Thank you.

[Chair: "I thank you. Once again I give the floor to the distinguished representative of Egypt on point of order."]

[Egypt representative in Arabic: “We call upon the representative of this organisation to respect the Al-Azhar institution. And we call upon you Chairman to ensure all persons respect the subject involved on this topic. [could not understand translation].”]