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Madame President,

The Republic of Cyprus welcomes the Peru's participation in the 2nd Cycle of the UPR and its national report on the progress made concerning the implementation of the 1st Cycle recommendations.

We do recognize the significant progress on human rights issues made in Peru and, in this regard, we welcome in particular Peru's adoption of the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances in July 2012.

Peru's Truth and Reconciliation Commission estimated that almost 70,000 people died or were subject to enforced disappearances during the country's internal armed conflict between 1980 and 2000. The delegation of Cyprus commends the Government of Peru for its efforts in addressing the concerns of these victims and their family members. For that matter, we note with satisfaction in particular the progress that has been made in recent years in recovering, identifying and restoring to family members the bodies of victims of enforced disappearance and the progress made in paying reparations to the conflicts victims.

My Delegation would like to ask the following question: Despite the evident progress made in Peru's efforts to prosecute those responsible for Human Rights abuses during the internal conflict, it appears that a number of cases that had been identified by the Country's Truth and Reconciliation Commission are still being investigated. What measures does the Government of Peru envisage to ensure timely prosecution of pending cases?

I thank you Madame President