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Thank you Madame President,

The delegation of the Republic of Cyprus welcomes the Republic of Korea's participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of the Universal Periodic Review, as well as its informative and thorough presentation by [ ].

The delegation of Cyprus commends the Republic of Korea for its strong commitment to the promotion and protection of Human Rights and notes, with satisfaction, that the Republic of Korea is a party to the majority of core human rights treaties, several optional protocols, as well as the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

The Republic of Cyprus welcomes the efforts that are being made by the Republic of Korea towards the promotion of women's rights. In this regard, we commend the Korean Government for the introduction of several key national projects for strengthening the foundation for better protection of vulnerable female groups from violence, better integration of women in the labour market and the higher involvement of women in decision-making processes. My delegation welcomes, in particular, the enactment of the Gender Impact assessment and Analysis Act in 2011, which lays the foundation for a more effective gender-equality in Government policies.

At this point, Cyprus wishes to ask the following question: What concrete measures does the Government of Korea foresee to facilitate social insurance enrolment of female non-regular workers and what can be done to guarantee maternity leave for female non-regular workers?

I thank you Madame President.