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Mister President,

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

My delegation recognizes the efforts that Burundi has made since its examination at the 1st Cycle in relation to combating torture. In this regard, we commend Burundi for honoring its commitment to criminalize torture in the country's new criminal code.

Despite the elements of progress, there are, however, still worrying reports that the use of torture continues to be carried out by Government officials and members of the Armed Forces.

These having been said, Cyprus would like to recommend that the Government of Burundi:

- 1) Makes every effort to implement recommendations 26a) and 64b) already made to Burundi during the first cycle of the UPR, related to the fighting of impunity of persons responsible for acts of torture and to the carrying out of thorough independent and impartial investigation into all allegations of such crimes.
- 2) Enhances the process of ratification of the OPCAT.

I thank you Mister President.