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Mr. President,

The Republic of Cyprus welcomes Luxembourg'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 commends Luxembourg for its strong commitment to the promotion and protection of Human Rights and for the concrete measures that the Government takes to implement its international human rights obligations. In this regard, we welcome, in particular, the recent ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol.

The Republic of Cyprus also commends the determination of Luxembourg to continue its efforts to combat human trafficking and we note the adoption of:

- 1) The Act approving the first Palermo Protocol and the Council of Europe Convention on Action against trafficking,
- 2) The Act on assistance to and the protection and security of victims of human trafficking, and
- 3) The Act whereby the second Palermo Protocol was approved that completes the legislative instruments to combat human trafficking.

In concluding, Cyprus would like to recommend that Luxembourg further strengthens its national policies to combat sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings.

I thank you Mister President.