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Mister President,

The Republic of Cyprus welcomes Romania'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 wishes to commend the measures that the Romanian Government takes to implement its international human rights obligations in the field of human rights. We also note the constructive cooperation of Romania with the international human rights mechanisms and, in particular, the fruitful engagement of the Delegation of Romania here in Geneva with the Human Rights Council.

Cyprus welcomes the efforts made by the Government of Romania to provide equal employment opportunities to all, including persons belonging to minorities, women, persons with disabilities and persons living with HIV. As noted in its national report, the Romanian Government has, in the last few years, organized a number of campaigns aimed at stimulating the understanding of the principles of non-discrimination and equal opportunities. We believe that such initiatives have the potential to change perceptions of vulnerable groups in the country and, in the longer term, lead to their better integration in social, economic and political life.

In this same direction, my Delegation wishes to recommend that Romania introduces the values of anti-discrimination into school curricula and teaching practices at all levels of its educational system.

I thank you Mr. President.