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Mister President,

The delegation of the Republic of Cyprus welcomes Serbia'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.

At the outset, my Delegation would like to express its appreciation for the high degree of transparency and active cooperation extended by the Republic of Serbia towards this important exercise.

Cyprus notes with satisfaction the significant efforts that the Government of Serbia has made in the last years to promote the socio-economic position of persons with disabilities. In this context, the Republic of Cyprus welcomes the establishment of the Centre for Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities and the introduction of an employment quota system. Such initiatives can only provide a solid basis for ensuring equal opportunities in the employment field.

There is, nevertheless, a number of reports which indicate that in the field of the promotion of the socio-economic position of persons with disabilities there remains a gap between policies and practice. In this regard we would like to ask the distinguished Serbian Delegation the following question:

What concrete measures does the Government of Serbia envisage in order to ensure a more systematic enforcement of the legislation in place?

I thank you Mister President:

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