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Mister President,

The Republic of Cyprus welcomes the Canadian delegation to Geneva and its participation in the second cycle of the UPR Working Group. We recognize and commend Canada's commitment to human rights, as evidenced by its work in the Human Rights Council and its contributions to other international human rights bodies.

With regard to Canada's domestic commitment to human rights, my delegation would like to commend the various Canadian collaborative and complementary laws, policies and programs of federal, provincial and territorial governments, aimed at protecting the rights and freedoms of people in Canada. In this context, we encourage Canada, in all of its government levels, to continue working in partnership with civil society, Aboriginal peoples and the private sector so as to improve the well-being of communities.

Cyprus is encouraged by the ongoing strong pledge of Canada to combat all forms of violence against women and the adoption by Canada of a combination of legislative and non-legislative responses to monitor and reduce the prevalence of such violence. Similarly, Cyprus also welcomes the adoption of the National Action Plan to combat human trafficking, of which one of the groups most at risk is that of women.

We would like to make the following recommendation:

That Canada continues to effectively address domestic violence, ensuring to victims operational access to means of protection and reinforcing prosecution of perpetrators.

I thank you Mister President.