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MEXICO

Mister President,

The Republic of Cyprus welcomes the delegation of Mexico, headed by [*head of delegation*] to the 17th session of the UPR and would like to thank them for their comprehensive National Report and a very enlightening presentation. We would also like to commend Mexico for its unwavering commitment to human rights, as well as its overall proactive role in the Human Rights Council.

Cyprus notes with satisfaction the progress made since the first cycle of the UPR regarding the field of public security and human rights.

Particularly, we would like to commend measures such as the pronouncement of the Federal Police Act of 2009. Even more so, we wish to acclaim the promulgation of two additional instruments in 2012, namely the General Guidelines for Police Institutions on the Use of Force in order to regulate the actions of the federal police force in line with international human rights standards and; the Human Rights Cooperation Agreement which aims at steering law enforcement agents to respect and uphold human rights in the course of their duties.

Similarly, Cyprus takes note of the fact that in the pursuit of efforts to put an end to corruption, in the course of the last 3-4 years almost 3,000 people were charged and bound over for trial for the offences of abuse of authority, the abusive exercise of public functions et cetera.

Naturally, challenges remain to be met. We, therefore, have two recommendations:

- That Mexico continues and intensifies its efforts to fight corruption at all levels of public administration, and;
- To further pursue the full investigation of alleged incidents of human rights violations by the police force, especially within detention centers.

I thank to Mister President.