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Mister President,

The delegation of the Republic of Cyprus wishes to thank Saudi Arabia for the preparation of a comprehensive National Report, as well as an informative presentation by [*head of Saudi delegation*].

Cyprus recognizes the progress made in Saudi Arabia as regards human rights issues since its first UPR-cycle and, in this regard, we particularly welcome the accession of the Kingdom to a number of international human rights instruments. Moreover, the Saudi project for the development of the judiciary should be commended, including the efforts made by the Ministry of Justice to build and develop judicial capacities through training for judges.

These having been said, Cyprus would like to make the following two recommendations:

- That Saudi Arabia continues with its efforts to reform the judicial system and its practices and further examine ways by which certain legal provisions are aligned with international human rights standards; and
- To ensure implementation in practice of laws and regulations to which juvenile offenders are subject, including the prompt access of juveniles to legal counsels, their separate detention and the enrollment of juveniles in appropriate school and training programmes while in custody.

I thank you Mister President.