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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the High-Level delegation of Cyprus to the 2nd Cycle of the UPR. We express our sincere appreciation for the elaborate presentation of the national report, and we look forward that today's UPR positively contributes to Cyprus's efforts in protecting and promoting human rights.

Notwithstanding the financial difficulties arising from the arising economic challenges, Cyprus continued to progressively realize economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to work. In this regard, we welcome the amended laws on equal pay, employment and vocational training, as well as the other measures aimed at strengthening social protection floors.

Moreover, we commend the accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the 1st optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We note the continuous attempts to address the shortcomings associated with the situation of migrants, and in this regard we salute the new law on combating racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law, as well as the law on the independent authority for investigating police abuses. We encourage the Government to remain vigilant in combating hate speech and incitement to violence and discrimination against migrants by ultra-nationalist groups or based on negative propaganda, and to step up the measures taken to address any abuses committed by police officers based on racial profiling.

To conclude, Egypt recommends the following to the kind consideration of the Government of Cyprus:

- 1- Consider the possibility of acceding to the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers.**

2- Consider applying alternative measures to the detention of unaccompanied migrant children.

I thank you.

