

Statement of the Deputy Permanent Representative of Indonesia
H.E. Edi Yusup
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to begin by thanking the delegation of Cyprus for the presentation of their comprehensive UPR report.

The report presented here today has shown that despite turbulence and economic challenges, Cyprus continues to exert its utmost efforts to the promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

My delegation takes note with appreciation the various steps taken by the government of Cyprus, in particular the efforts to strengthen its normative and institutional framework, as well as to further advance the rights of women and children.

Mr. President.

Among the many positive developments, my delegation commends the appointment of the Ombudsman as the national human rights institution.

Taking into account the pertinent role of the NHRI in the promotion and protection of human rights in the country,

My delegation kindly recommends Cyprus to facilitate the work and the function of the Ombudsman in accordance with the Paris Principles.

My delegation also welcomes the measures taken by the government to curb domestic violence and to guarantee gender equality. In particular, we welcome the Action Plan on Gender Equality established by the Ministry of Education, which aims to promote gender equality through education.

Lastly, we would also like to welcome the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and recommend Cyprus to consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Indonesia wishes the People and Government of Cyprus all the best in their future endeavors in the promotion and protection of human rights in their country. I thank you.