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Recommendations by Canada

### **Cyprus**

Canada welcomes Cyprus' active engagement with the UPR. Canada also welcomes Cyprus' proposed amendment to its penal code that would criminalise incitement to violence against individuals based on sexual orientation. Could the delegation of Cyprus provide us with an update on this?

#### **Recommendations:**

Canada recommends that Cyprus:

1. Take further concrete measures to promote equality between men and women by enabling full and meaningful participation by women in the decision-making levels of the formal peace process and the advancement of negotiations regarding the Cyprus issue.
2. Ensure ongoing practical professional training of police officers of all ranks and categories on the protection of vulnerable groups, in compliance with human rights principles.

#### **Observation (if time allows):**

Canada commends Cyprus for the action taken so far to ensure equality between men and women.