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Statement by the Republic of Cyprus on

Armenia

Mr. President,

Cyprus warmly welcomes the delegation of Armenia led by H.E. *Deputy*
Minister Ashot Hovakimian..... and expresses its appreciation for the thorough presentation of the Armenian national report on the progress made since the 1st Cycle review.

Cyprus commends the measures that the Government of Armenia has undertaken with a view to enhancing the implementation of its international human rights obligations. In particular, we would like to welcome the measures taken for the promotion of women's and children's rights, as well as the important initiatives undertaken - both at national and international level - to raise awareness with regard to the issue of prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide.

Finally, Cyprus has three recommendations to make for the consideration of the Armenian authorities:

1. To strengthen the implementation of measures aimed at promoting and safeguarding gender equality;
2. To further improve conditions for the protection of the rights of national minorities, and
3. To continue the concerted efforts at international level for the prevention of genocide.

Thank you Mr. President.