

Statement by the Republic of Cyprus

Jamaica

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes Jamaica's participation in the 2nd cycle of the UPR and commends its authorities for the comprehensive national report submitted, as well as for the presentation before us today.

Cyprus wishes to commend the measures that the Government of Jamaica has taken to implement its international human rights obligations and for its persistent efforts to ensure the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms. In particular, we welcome the fact that Jamaica has not used the death penalty in more than a quarter of a century. However, we are concerned that despite the acknowledged "de facto moratorium" on the use of the death penalty,¹ the government is not considering the abolition of the death penalty.

Cyprus has the following 2 recommendations:

1. Ratify without reservations the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at abolition of the capital punishment, and
2. Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

Thank you Mr. President.

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