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Statement by the Republic of Cyprus

MYANMAR

Mr. President,

This delegation joins previous speakers in welcoming the delegation of Myanmar and thanks H.E. Mr. Tun Shin, Attorney General of Myanmar both for his introductory statement on the country's national report, as well as for the information provided on progress made concerning the implementation of 1st Cycle recommendations.

Cyprus acknowledges the positive measures undertaken by the government of Myanmar since 2011 towards the implementation of its international human rights obligations. Even though significant amount of work remains to be done, we take note of marked improvements in the fields of freedom of expression and association and welcome the government's cooperation with international partners, including the ILO, in addressing labour rights, in general, and in particular, in combating forced and child labour.

Cyprus has three specific recommendations to make for the consideration of the authorities of Myanmar:

1. to accede to and fully align national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).
2. to extend an open and permanent invitation to the United Nations human rights special procedures mandate-holders,
3. to promote gender equality in all aspects of life and to combat violence against women.

I thank you, Mr. President.