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Statement by the Republic of Cyprus

Nepal

Mr. President,

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

Cyprus wishes to commend the measures that the Government of Nepal has taken to implement its international human rights obligations. In particular, we welcome the initiatives undertaken for the promotion of women's rights, such as the adoption of the National Strategy and Action Plan on Gender Empowerment and Elimination of Gender Based Violence (2013-2018).

Finally, Cyprus has two recommendations to make for the consideration of the Government of Nepal:

1. Ensure that the right of freedom of assembly is guaranteed and lift all restrictions on peaceful protests, and
2. Take all necessary measures towards acceding to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Thank you Mr. President.