

Statement by the Republic of Cyprus during the review of
Samoa

Mr. President,

The delegation of the Republic of Cyprus welcomes Samoa's participation in the 2nd Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review and commends its authorities for their national report on progress made concerning the implementation of the 1st Cycle recommendations.

We welcome the enactment of the Ombudsman Act (2013), expanding the Office of the Ombudsman to now function as the National Human Rights institution, as well as the passage of the Family Safety Act (2013), and we note the constitutional amendment for a 10 per cent quota for women representatives in the national Legislative Assembly as a step in the right direction.

Finally, Cyprus as the following 2 recommendations:

1. Take all necessary measures towards becoming a State Party to more core human rights treaties, and
2. Further promote gender equality by implementing the Convention to Eliminate all Forms of Discrimination against Women, especially in terms of access to employment.

Thank you Mr. President.