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Statement by the Republic of Cyprus on

United Republic of Tanzania

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the United Republic of Tanzania in the 2nd UPR Cycle and thanks its authorities for the national report submitted, as well as for the presentation before us today.

We commend Tanzania for the launch of the National Human Rights Action Plan, serving as a national framework for the promotion and protection of Human Rights.

However we remain concerned about the persistence of human rights violations against vulnerable groups, in particular women and children.

In this regard, Cyprus has the following three recommendations:

1. Continue its efforts in addressing the harmful practise of genital female mutilation and ensure that all such cases are promptly investigated and prosecuted and that victims have access to social and medical services.
2. Combat the phenomenon of early and forced marriage by amending the relevant legislation accordingly, and
3. Ratify the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

I thank you.