**UN Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review – 46th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Cyprus**

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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you [President/Vice President].

Australia welcomes Cyprus’ adoption of whistleblowing legislation and creation of an Independent Authority against Corruption. We also welcome efforts to safeguard the rights of LGBTQIA+ people, including by criminalising conversion therapy.

Australia remains concerned about human trafficking into Cyprus and the Cypriot Government’s management of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.

Australia recommends **Cyprus**:

1. **Increase efforts to eliminate human trafficking of asylum seekers, including through cooperation with Turkish Cypriot representatives and establishment of best-interest procedures for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.**
2. **Adopt legislation to allow the legal change of name and gender for people over the age of 18.**
3. **Implement measures to ensure the meaningful participation of women in the peace process, including in key negotiation roles.**

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