

***Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cabo Verde***

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Declaration of Cabo Verde

Thank you Mr. President,

Cabo Verde welcome the Delegation of Cyprus led by H.E. **Andreas Kakouris, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs** and warmly congratulates the Republic of Cyprus for the presentation of its report.

We commend Cyprus for its continued efforts in the field of human rights, In particular, various recent advancements towards gender equality including the adoption of its 2024-2026 Strategy on Equality between Women and Men. We applaud its inclusive scope. Concrete measures to combat and respond to violence against women should also be praised such as the establishment of a crisis center for women victims of violence and their children.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we make the following recommendations:

1. Reconsider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

2. Continue its efforts to combat human trafficking, including efforts to prosecute offenders

3. Ensure equal rights to participate in political life, and endeavor to eliminate all barriers to political participation for all minorities.

We wish the Republic of Cyprus great success in this cycle