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**Universal Periodic Review of Cyprus**

 **30 April 2024**

**Intervention by the delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of Cyprus to its fourth UPR. We thank Cyprus for its national report and the information provided today.

Estonia commends Cyprus for the active promotion and protection of human rights and progress made since the last review, including efforts to curb gender-based violence. We welcome the adoption of the new Strategy on Equality between Women and Men and the measures taken to address gender pay gap.

We would like recommend to Cyprus to:

* take tangible steps to strengthen the representation of women in decision-making and leadership positions at all levels in the public and private sectors;
* take all necessary measures, including provide sufficient funding, to ensure the effective implementation of the National Strategy and National Action Plan for Preventing and Combatting Violence against women and Domestic violence.

Estonia wishes to the delegation of Cyprus a successful review.

Thank you.