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**Statement of Ireland**

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Review of Cyprus

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Mr. Vice-President,

Ireland welcomes the delegation of Cyprus and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland welcomes Cyprus’s efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends legislative progress made since the last UPR cycle, including the introduction of new statutory provisions criminalising femicide.

Ireland welcomes the establishment of an Inter-Ministerial Committee of gender focal points to mainstream gender policies and also the establishment of a National Coordinating Body to prevent and combat gender based violence.

Ireland is concerned about the continued prevalence of trafficking in persons and the low number of convictions and sanctions handed down to perpetrators.

Ireland recommends Cyprus:

1. Review requirements to facilitate the acquisition of Cypriot nationality for children born in Cyprus who would otherwise be stateless, regardless of their parents’ citizenship, residence, legal or marital status;
2. Ensure full and effective implementation of the National Anti-Trafficking Action Plan 2023-2024, including the provision of legal assistance to victims of trafficking, and capacities and resources to investigate potential cases.

We wish Cyprus every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.