**Human Rights Council WG Universal Periodic Review – 46th session**

**Cyprus**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

*Geneva, 30 April 2024*

*Mr President,*

Poland thanks Cyprus for the presentation of its national report.

We welcome Cyprus’ achievements in implementing policies that address gender equality and promote women’s rights, as well as commend Cyprus for adopting the National Roma Strategic Framework.

However, we also note concerns of the Human Rights Committee about the high rate of unemployment among women, and the underrepresentation of women in decision-making positions in the public and private sectors, as well as the concerns of the Committee on the Rights of the Child about the insufficient access of children in vulnerable situation to health care, social services and education.

Therefore, Poland recommends that Cyprus :

1. takes further steps to promote gender equality, and considers introducing a statutory gender quota for nominations in the public sector;
2. strengthens child protection legislation and policy to ensure that children in situations of vulnerability, including Roma children, children with disabilities, and refugee and migrant children, have access to health care, social services and inclusive education.

We wish Cyprus a successful UPR.

*Thank you.*