**UPR Working Group**

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**Universal Periodic Review of Cyprus**

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Thank you, Vice-President,

Allow me to welcome the distinguished delegation of Cyprus to the UPR Working Group and thank them for the presentation of the National Report.

We commend Cyprus for the steady progress in advancing human rights, especially gender equality, including through the approval of the new Strategy on Equality between Women and Men.

In line with the strong commitment of the Cypriot Government to advance human rights both at national and international level, we recommend the following:

1. Continue persistent efforts to ensure gender equality, including through steps to further reduce the gender pay gap.
2. Following the implementation of the General Health System Law, we recommend that all necessary measures continue to be taken to facilitate access to health care services for people with disabilities, including children.

Finally, I wish the Cypriot delegation a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you, Vice-President