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**Costa Rica**

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the delegation of Costa Rica at today’s UPR and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We commend Costa Rica’s efforts to advance human rights, notably the legislative developments to address femicide and protect the rights of the child, as well as the progress made in developing inclusion and labor protection policies for persons with disabilities.

In a constructive spirit, Cyprus recommends that Costa Rica:

1. Prohibit and criminalise the use of all “conversion therapies”.
2. Conduct campaigns aimed at students and parents to raise awareness of the importance of educational continuity.
3. Ensure that all instances of gender-based violence are thoroughly investigated, and the alleged perpetrators are brought to justice.
4. Adopt legislation to stop child sex tourism throughout the country.

Cyprus wishes Costa Rica a successful review.