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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the Norwegian delegation at today’s UPR, as well as for the presentation of its Report.

Cyprus commends Norway for its commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights and the increase in state funding to the National Human Rights Institution. We welcome attempts by the Norwegian government to strengthen and systematize gender equality as well as the progress made towards preventing domestic violence and abuse against children. However, more needs to be done to ensure that the policy measures decided upon, are implemented in practice

Cyprus would like to offer the following recommendations to Norway:

* Ratify the optional protocols to the Conventions on the Rights of the Child, on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as well as the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
* increase efforts towards the prevention of gender-based violence especially through awareness raising at all levels including the promotion of zero tolerance of violence in schools, as well as provide capacity building for law enforcement and health professionals to ensure the identification of victims and their access to confidential and independent complaint mechanisms.
* Implement the Children Act aimed at the relationship between children and parents, taking into consideration the relevant ECHR judgements

My delegation wishes Norway a successful UPR

I thank you Mr. President.