**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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Madam President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the Myanmar delegation and the presentation of its Report at today’s UPR.

Cyprus commends Myanmar for ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (OPAC) and encourages Myanmar to commence technical cooperationwith OHCHR to help, among others, with the ratification of human rights instruments.

Cyprus recommends:

* Accede to the Rome Statute of the ICC;
* Extend a standing invitation to Special Procedures;
* Ensure that the bill on Prevention of Violence Against Women is in line with international standards and pass it promptly.
* Develop a comprehensive strategy to address the needs of repatriated refugees and IDPs.

Thank you.