**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus,**

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Madam President,

Cyprus warmly welcomes the participation of Nepal in the 3rd Cycle of the UPR and for the presentation of its report.

Cyprus commends Nepal for its strong commitment to protecting and promoting human rights. We welcome, among others, its recent accession to the Palermo Protocol, as well as the significant legislative measures in place dramatically increasing the representation of women in the Federal Parliament and Provincial Assemblies.

Cyprus would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Ratify OP-CAT.
2. Accede to the Rome Statute of the ICC.
3. Intensify efforts to prevent trafficking in persons and all forms of slavery.
4. Expedite the adoption of a national action plan on gender empowerment and include measures to combat gender-based violence.

Cyprus would like to wish the delegation of Nepal a successful outcome.

Thank you.