**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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Madam President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the Delegation from Georgia at today’s UPR, as well as the presentation of its Report.

Cyprus commends Georgia for its commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, Cyprus welcomes the ratification and entry into force of the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, as well as progress achieved towards the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Cyprus makes the following recommendations:

1. Adopt measures to protect LGBTQI people and eradicate discrimination by preventing and investigating related hate crimes;
2. Take further measures to protect religious and ethnic minority rights by combatting hate speech and xenophobia;
3. Take measures to increase school enrolment among children with disabilities and children belonging to ethnic minorities.

Thank you.