**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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Madam President,

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

Cyprus commends Estonia’s long-standing commitment to protecting and promoting human rights, including the rights of children and freedom of expression. We particularly commend Estonia for ratifying the Istanbul Convention, as well as its rigorous efforts towards overcoming gender inequalities.

Cyprus recommends:

* Ensure the full and horizontal implementation of measures against intolerance, by enacting relevant legislation;
* Continue applying measures to protect asylum seekers by participating in refugees’ resettlement and relocation programmes;
* Further develop mental health policies, especially for children and youth.

Thank you.