**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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Madam President,

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

Cyprus commends Denmark for its strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights, in particular its efforts to ensure gender equality and the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

Cyprus recommends:

* Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
* Continue to support the recognition of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment;
* Ensure that combatting gender-based violence remains a key priority.

Thank you.