**Ms. Andrea Petranyi**

**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

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**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

Madam President,

Cyprus welcomes the delegation from Antigua and Barbuda and for the presentation of its report.

Cyprus commends the country’s efforts taken since the second cycle, including the ratification of the two International Covenants.

Cyprus would like to offer these recommendations:

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| 1. Ratify the Optional Protocol and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
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| 1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
2. Ratify the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict;
3. Request technical assistance from OHCHR to assist in international human rights treaty reporting and monitoring.
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Thank you, Madam President.