**H.E. Ms. Olympia Neocleous, Permanent Representative**

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Madam President,

Cyprus wishes to welcome the Thai delegation at today’s UPR and for the presentation of its report.

Cyprus acknowledges the efforts by Thailand since its second cycle, notably its strengthening of its anti-trafficking legislation.

Cyprus would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Formalise the *de facto* moratorium on the abolishment of the death penalty;
2. Ratify OPCAT (the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment);
3. Ratify the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the crime of Genocide;
4. Integrate a rights-based approach in climate mitigation policy and disaster risk reduction plans;
5. Ensure Thai women have the right to pass on their citizenship to their spouses and children.

Thank you, Madam President.