**Ambassador O. Neocleous**

**Intervention by Cyprus**

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Mr. President,

Cyprus wishes to welcome the participation of the Ugandan delegation and for the presentation of its report.

We acknowledge the efforts by Uganda since its second UPR cycle, notably in submitting Treaty Body reports, as well as steps taken to strengthen training and capacity building on human rights for members of law enforcement agencies.

Cyprus would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT);
2. Ratify the First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
3. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights;
4. Reduce the number of capital crimes, with a view to implementing a moratorium on the death penalty.
5. Integrate a rights-based approach in climate mitigation policy and disaster risk reduction plans;
6. Take measures to ease access to justice, including for victims of sexual and gender-based violence.

Thank you, Mr. President.