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Mr. President,

Cyprus wishes to welcome Iceland’s participation at today’s review and for the presentation of its report.

We commend Iceland’s efforts since its second UPR cycle, especially the ratification of a wide-array of human rights instruments, including OPCAT and the Istanbul Convention.

Cyprus would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights;
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD);
3. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure;
4. Continue applying measures to reduce dropout rates for migrant and other students from upper secondary schools.

Thank you, Mr. President.