**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes Finland’s participation in the 4th cycle of the UPR and commends its authorities for its comprehensive national report, which was the outcome of a broad consultation process involving all relevant stakeholders, including the civil society.

Finland is a country that consistently safeguards the promotion and protection of human rights in an exemplary way, both in law but also in practice. Since the last cycle, Cyprus wishes to commend the Finnish government for appointing an Ombudsperson for the Elderly and a special rapporteur on violence against women.

Cyprus wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue determined actions to end gender-based violence and violence against women and girls, including domestic violence;
2. Continue systematically assessing the human rights impacts of legislative proposals.
3. Safeguard the diversity of cultural expressions, to promote intercultural and intracultural dialogue and to support traditional practices and creative productions by all persons in vulnerable situations, including persons with disabilities;
4. Ensure all stakeholders are consulted in climate-related legislative processes.

Thank you.