**Intervention by Cyprus**

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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the Polish delegation at today’s UPR, as well as the presentation of its Report.

Cyprus commends Poland for its commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights, not least in accommodating over 4.5 million Ukrainians who left their country upon Russia’s aggression against Ukraine.

Cyprus wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Ratify the Ratify the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR;
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure;
3. Continue efforts to increase school attendance of Roma children and eradicate discrimination against them in schools;
4. Take further measures to ensure eradication of human trafficking, by thoroughly investigating relevant cases and holding perpetrators to account.

Thank you.