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**Intervention by Cyprus**

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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes Argentina’s participation at today’s UPR and for the presentation of its report.

Cyprus congratulates Argentina on its progress since its last review. Argentina has shown commendable progress especially in furthering the rights of women and LGBTQI+ persons through a series of programmes and laws, including the novel requirement for mandatory gender-based violence training for all first-time driver’s license applicants.

Cyprus recommends:

1. Strengthen efforts to combat violence against women and girls and gender-based violence;
2. Increase the availability of longer-term assistance for victims of trafficking;
3. Organize campaigns and educational programmes to raise awareness of the importance of cultural heritage in all its diversity;
4. Ensure that all cases of torture and other ill-treatment are effectively documented and investigated.

Thank you.