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**Intervention by Cyprus**

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Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes Guatemala’s participation in the fourth cycle and expresses its appreciation for the presentation of its report.

Cyprus commends the progress made towards the abolition of the death penalty as well as the establishment of the Presidential Commission for Peace and Human Rights which began elaborating the baseline for a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.

Cyprus recommends:

1. Abolish the death penalty entirely, including for crimes committed during times of war;
2. Promptly investigate acts of harassment or threats against members of the judiciary;
3. Ensure prompt, thorough and impartial investigations into all attacks against human rights defenders and journalists/media workers and bring those responsible to justice;
4. Prohibit all discrimination against women and repeal any provisions that discriminate against them.

Thank you.