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**Intervention by Cyprus**

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Mr. Vice-President,

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

Cyprus congratulates Romania on its progress since its last review, especially the ratification of the Istanbul Convention. We commend the 2022-2027 National Strategies regarding the rights of persons with disabilities ("A fair Romania") and on Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction, respectively, as well as consolidating efforts to combat trafficking in persons.

Cyprus recommends:

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure;
2. Take the necessary steps to ensure that the national human rights institutions comply with the Paris Principles;
3. To prevent and combat sexual and gender-based violence, collect disaggregated data on all forms of violence, including in cases of femicide.

Thank you.