*G. Samouel*

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**3 May 2023, 09:00-12:30**

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**Botswana**

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the delegation of Botswana at today’s UPR and expresses its appreciation for its report.

Cyprus welcomes Botswana’s ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and commends the adoption of the Sexual Offenders Registry Act (2021) as well as the progress towards decriminalization of same-sex relations.

Notwithstanding the positive steps taken, Cyprus would like to make the following recommendations to Botswana:

1. Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
2. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR;
3. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture;
4. Consider introducing a moratorium on the use of the death penalty;
5. Strengthen efforts to combat gender-based violence.

Thank you.

*G. Samouel*

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**4 May 2023, 14:30-18:00**

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**Luxembourg**

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the delegation of Luxembourg and thanks it for its presentation today.

Cyprus congratulates Luxembourg on the progress since its last UPR in 2018, especially in the area of gender equality and combating sexual and gender-based violence. The updated National Action Plan on Equality between Women and Men, and the training offered to public officials in the field of gender equality are a few examples. We also welcome the fact that Luxembourg ratified the Istanbul Convention.

Cyprus would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts to effectively combat human trafficking;
2. Proscribe in law the prohibition all forms of corporal punishment, including for children;
3. Continue efforts to advance detention conditions for minors, in line with the recommendations of the UNHCR.

Thank you.

*G. Samouel*

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**Commonwealth of The Bahamas**

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the delegation of The Bahamas at today’s UPR and expresses its appreciation for its report.

Cyprus congratulates The Bahamas on its progress since its last UPR, especially the ratification of the UN Convention Against Torture. We commend the continued effort to combat trafficking in persons, including the adoption of the 2019-2023 Strategic Trafficking in Persons Action Plan. Furthermore, we take note of the fact that The Bahamas is aiming to further legislation to ensure equality between Bahamian men and women in the transmission of citizenship to their children.

Cyprus wishes to make the following recommendations:

1. Adopt the necessary measures to formalize the moratorium on the death penalty;
2. Work towards combatting sexual and gender-based violence;
3. Amend legislation so that women will be allowed to pass their nationality on to their children;
4. Continue the efforts to establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.

Thank you.