**Intervention by Cyprus**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the Delegation from the United Arab Emirates at today’s UPR, as well as the presentation of its Report.

Cyprus commends the UAE’s policies and reforms since its last review, including the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution in 2021, on issues concerning women’s rights and workers’ rights. Furthermore, the signing of the Abraham Accords has assisted in the UAE’s extensive efforts in promoting religious tolerance and interfaith dialogue.

Cyprus wishes to make the following recommendations:

* Commence internal deliberation with the aim to ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR);
* Continue taking apt steps aiming for equal participation of women and men in public and political life;
* Amend legislation so Emirati women can easily pass on their nationality to their children;
* Organize campaigns and educational programmes, to raise awareness of the importance of cultural heritage in all its diversity.

Thank you.