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*Statement by the Republic of Cyprus in the review of the*

*United Arab Emirates*

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes United Arab Emirate’s participation in the 3rd cycle of the UPR and thanks its authorities for the comprehensive national report submitted, as well as for the presentation before us today.

Cyprus notes the measures that the Government of the United Arab Emirates has taken to implement its international human rights obligations and welcomes, in particular, theratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

Cyprus has two recommendations to make for the consideration of the Government of the UAE:

1. To strengthen efforts towards promotion of gender equality, and
2. To enhance cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms and extend a standing invitation to all Special Procedures.

Thank you Mr. President.