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*Statement by the Republic of Cyprus*

*Principality of Monaco*

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes Monaco’s participation in the 3rd cycle of the UPR and commends its authorities for the comprehensive national report, as well as for the presentation before us today.

Cyprus commends Monaco for its strong commitment to the promotion and protection of Human Rights and for the concrete measures that the Government takes to implement its international human rights obligations.

We particularly welcome the recent ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In this regard, we would like to pose the following question: Is there any information available on how the above-mentioned Convention is been implemented, especially concerning minors and access to work places?

Cyprus has the following recommendation to make for the consideration of the Principality of Monaco:

* Continue to develop strategies to increase the participation of women in political life, as well as in leading positions in business enterprises.

Thank you, Mr. President.