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

*Republic of Chad*

Mr. President,

Cyprus welcomes the Chadian delegation and thanks its members for the presentation of the National Report.

Cyprus wishes to seize this opportunity to commend the measures that the Chadian authorities has taken to implement its international human rights obligations and we encourage Chad to further enhance its efforts to protect Human Rights Defenders and Journalists.

 Cyprus has the following two recommendations:

1. to consider ratifying international and regional human rights treaties, including the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, and
2. to abolish the death penalty for all crimes.

I thank you.