**UPR of Cyprus**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

Mr. President,

The Polish delegation would like to thank the delegation of Cyprus for the presentation of their comprehensive national report. We acknowledge Cyprus’s activities undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted during the second cycle of the UPR.

Poland notes with appreciation the number of domestic as well as international initiatives of the government of Cyprus aimed at strengthening the enjoyment of human rights in Cyprus. In particular, Poland welcomes the efforts addressing women’s rights and gender equality, ia. the implementation of the *New National Action Plan for Gender Equality 2018-2021* as well as measures to combat gender discrimination in education. We also acknowledge legal, political and practical measures that Cyprus implemented to support and protect victims of human trafficking, such as adopting the National Action Plan against Human Trafficking 2016-2018. However, there is still room for further improvement in the above mentioned area of human rights.

In this respect Poland **recommends Cyprus to:**

* **take all necessary measures to increase the level of participation of women in the labour market, and their representation in senior positions both in the public and private sector, particularly decision-making positions in political life and peace negotiations, as well as to adopt further measures to close the gender wage gap.**
* **provide systematic rehabilitation and reintegration measures, counselling, medical treatment, psychological support and redress, including compensation, for victims of trafficking.**
* **develop a comprehensive strategy for the inclusion of members of the Roma (Kurbet) in all areas of life, to ensure that they had access to adequate housing, education, employment and health care without discrimination and stigmatization.**
* **ensure that the Office of the Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights is fully compliant with the Paris Principles with a view to obtain an A-accreditation.**

Thank you for your attention.