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**Review of Cyprus**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you Mr President

Greece would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Cyprus.

We commend Cyprus for the significant progress achieved since the last cycle, *inter alia* through the implementation of the latest National Action Plans for Gender Equality and for the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family. We welcome the ratification of important international HR instruments, such as the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child , as well as for the steps taken towards further ratifications. Moreover, we express our esteem for the adoption and planning of measures aiming to increase the significant role that women already play in the peace process. Finally, we would like to commend Cyprus’ significant efforts in addressing mixed migratory flows, and especially for measures taken in favour of unaccompanied migrant children.

**Greece would like to recommend Cyprus to:**

1. Complete the elaboration of and adopt the first National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security

2. Sign the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

We would like to seize this opportunity to wish to the Delegation of Cyprus every success in implementing the recommendations they will receive today.

Thank you