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**REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES**

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*Statement delivered by Ms Gayethri M Pillay, Chargé D’affaires/Counsellor*

Thank you, Mr President.

Seychelles welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Cyprus and thanks them for their informative national report, which recognizes the irrefutable impact that climate change has upon the enjoyment of fundamental human rights. Seychelles commends Cyprus for the significant strides made, including becoming a party to the Optional Protocol on a Communications Procedure to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the adoption of the new National Action Plan for Gender Equality 2018 - 2021.

Seychelles puts forward the following **two recommendations:**

1) First, to become a party to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;

2) Second, to address discrimination in schools through the allocation of sufficient resources to implement the Action Plan for Gender Equality in Education 2018 – 2020.

We wish Cyprus a fruitful session ahead.

Thank you, Mr President.