**The 32nd session of the Working Group on the UPR**

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**Review of** **Cyprus**

**Intervention by Romania**

Mr. President,

Romania warmly welcomes the delegation of the Cyprus and appreciates the thorough and detailed presentation on the human rights situation in the country.

We commend Cyprus for its holistic approach on human rights while implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. Romania welcomes the emphasis on the protection and promotion of women’s rights and gender equality, as well as the active role of Cyprus in protecting and promoting cultural heritage.

We appreciate the decision of the Government of Cyprus to assume a leading role and coordinate efforts with countries of the region to reverse the impact of climate change and its negative repercussions, especially in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Romania has the following recommendations for Cyprus:

- to continue measures aimed at effective implementation of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

- to continue its efforts to eradicate discrimination against minorities, including by campaigns to promote tolerance and respect for diversity;

- to organize campaigns and educational programmes, including in schools, to raise awareness on the importance of cultural heritage in all its diversity.

We wish Cyprus a successful UPR process.

Thank you.