**32th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF CYPRUS**

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**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia would like to extend a warm welcome to the delegation of Cyprus and thank them for the presentation of their report.

We commend the Government of Cyprus for its efforts concerning the prison reform. Several measures were taken in order to ensure that prison conditions respected inmates’ human rights.

We welcome the progress concerning the promotion and protection of human rights of women, particularly the 2018-2021 Objective “Empowering the Vulnerable Groups of Women” and the 2017 ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence.

We see room for improvement in the areas of prevention of violence against women, including trafficking of women and girls, as well as equality between men and women.

Therefore, allow us to address Cyprus with two recommendations:

1. **Improve the identification of trafficked people and provide adequate assistance and protection to these persons, particularly to women and young girls.**
2. **Ensure that migrant women have access to relevant information and victim support services.**

Croatia would like to compliment the Government of Cyprus for the progress achieved to date and wish them a successful review session.

Thank you.