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**UPR32 – Cyprus**

**Statement by Slovakia**

29 January 2018

Mr. President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Cyprus to this UPR session and thanks it for the presentation of its national report and the participation in the review process.

We highly appreciate the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the CRC on a communications procedure and commend Cyprus for the adoption of the Strategy on the Health Rights of the Child.

Slovakia would welcome further efforts to be made by the Government of Cyprus to combat statelessness. Therefore, we recommend that Cyprus ratify and implement into national legislation the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

We also recommend that the Government of Cyprus continue to involve more women and young people in public and political life and in the process of rapprochement between the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities.

We wish Cyprus a successful review.

I thank you, Mr. President.