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Mr. Vice-President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the delegation from Qatar and for the presentation of its Report.

Cyprus commends the progress made by Qatar since its last review, including criminalising physical and sexual abuse of women and children, as well as adopting the Domestic Workers Act.

Cyprus would like to offer the following recommendations to Qatar:

* Accede to the Rome Statue of the International Criminal Court and transpose it into national legislation;
* Limit capital crimes with the aim of completely and permanently abolishing the death penalty, and
* Ensure that Qatari women have the same rights as men to pass on their nationality to their children.

Thank you.