**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus,**

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Mr. President,

Cyprus would like to welcome the delegation from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the presentation of the Government’s national Report.

Cyprus wishes to commend the Government for ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Challenges remain and towards this end, Cyprus makes the following recommendations:

* Fully implement the provisions of UNESCO treaties promoting access to and participation of all citizens in cultural heritage and creative expression and, as such, are conducive to implementing the right to take part in cultural life
* Ensure that public broadcasters serve *all* segments of society through equal use of all official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
* Ensure that the death penalty is repealed across Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Thank you.