PPH.E. Mr. Ambassador George C. Kasoulides

**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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Mr. / Mme (Vice) President,

Cyprus warmly welcomes the Italian delegation and H.E. Hon. Manlio di Stefano, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Cyprus is also a recipient of unprecedented number of migrants and refugees and we express our solidarity in your efforts for providing adequate protection to those in need. We also, commend Italy’s initiatives to promote cultural heritage as an integral part of the promotion and protection of human rights.

Cyprus would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Establish a separate data collection mechanism to record incidents of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
2. Strengthen the efforts to combat trafficking in persons by fully implementing the existing National Action Plan.
3. Adopt comprehensive polices to eliminate child poverty.
4. Take measures to promote access to education and to reduce school dropouts.

I would like to express Italy successful UPR deliberations.

I thank you Mr. / Mme (Vice) President