**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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Madam President,

Cyprus welcomes Armenia’s participation at today’s UPR, as well as the presentation of its Report.

Cyprus would like to make the following recommendations:

* Implement the National Action Plan on UNSC Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security;
* Raise awareness about the importance of equal participation of women and men in public and political life;
* Organize campaigns and educational programmes, to raise awareness of the importance of cultural heritage in all its diversity.

Cyprus commends Armenia for the significant progress made, since the Velvet Revolution, in the promotion and protection of human rights, including improvements in areas such as freedom of assembly and expression. The 2nd Optional Protocol to the ICCPR together with the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure were also signed by Armenia this past September.

Thank you.