**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

**Thursday, 23 January 2020, 09:00 – 12:30**

**UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

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Madame Vice President,

Cyprus welcomes the delegation of Kenya and its oral presentation.

We commend Kenya for preparing a UPR Implementation-Matrix to track progress of the supported recommendations.

Cyprus wishes to make the following recommendations:

* Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Child;
* Continue collecting and analysing desegregated data on women with the aim to combat discrimination based on religion, ethnic background, age, health, disability and sexual orientation.
* Prohibit corporal punishment in schools and public institutions.
* Fully abolish the death penalty.

We wish the Government of Kenya a fruitful 3rd UPR cycle.

Ι Thank you, Madame President.