**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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**SWEDEN**

Madam President,

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

Sweden is a strong proponent of the promotion and protection of human rights. We commend the Swedish Government for mainstreaming and implementing the SDGs in all government decisions and policies.

Cyprus would like to make the following recommendations to Sweden:

* Ratify the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure;
* Ensure full compliance with the Swedish Aliens Act with regard to the return of unaccompanied children;
* Prohibit the detention of children for immigration related purposes, irrespective of their status or that of their parents, and consider the application of alternative measures to detention.

Thank you.