**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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Madam President,

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

Cyprus commends Croatia for its strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights. In this regard, Cyprus welcomes the ratification and entry into force of the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, as well as the measures to counter discrimination against women.

Cyprus makes the following recommendations:

1. Continue applying practical measures to prevent gender-based violence;
2. Accelerate efforts to protect the rights of minorities, by promoting the use of the Cyrillic alphabet and safeguard the right to housing to the Roma community;
3. Ensure adequate accommodation and care to unaccompanied migrant children;
4. Increase maternity benefits.

Thank you.