**Intervention by the Republic of Cyprus**

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Madam President,

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

Cyprus welcomes the bipartisan “First Step Act” that was passed by Congress, as well as the recent US Supreme Court ruling on Title VII.

Cyprus would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Ratify CEDAW, Additional Protocols I and II of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture, as well as the Rome Statute of the ICC;
2. Restore a moratorium on the use of the death penalty at the federal level;
3. Investigate, in a transparent manner, all cases of disproportionate violence by law enforcement and ensure fairness to all citizens, particularly members of the African American and other minority communities;
4. Extend a standing invitation to Special Procedures.

Thank you.