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Letter dated 20 January 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council

I wish to thank you for your circular letter dated 12 January 2015, in which you recalled all relevant documents containing clarifications regarding the practices and rules that govern the reports of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, with a view to facilitating the success of the upcoming session of the Working Group.

On this very issue, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that unfortunately the recommendations made by the delegation of Cyprus during the examination of Turkey in the first cycle were reflected in the corresponding report (A/HRC/15/13) in a manner that we find at best inappropriate, under a separate heading from recommendations made by all other Member States, constituting a clear case of discrimination.

Based on the subsequent clarifications issued by your predecessor in his circular of 18 September 2013, which you very wisely chose to refer to in your letter, I trust that this unfortunate scenario will be avoided in the future, thus reinforcing the principle of equal treatment and, with it, the credibility of the universal periodic review mechanism as a whole.

I would appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter as a document of the Human Rights Council at its twenty-ninth session.

(Signed) Andreas Ignatiou

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