



## Section A: Survey

### A1. 1. Background information

Name of the State:

R e p u b l i c o

The institution responding to the survey:

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Name and contact email address of the respondent:

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### A2. Please confirm that you do agree that the responses to the survey will be made publicly available on OHCHR`s website?

Yes

No

### A3. 2. Do you have a National Development Plan or equivalent document to guide SDG action?

Yes

No, the country does not have a national development plan or equivalent document to guide SDG action.

### A4. Please provide us with the following information:

Please add a hyperlink to the National Development Plan or equivalent document(s)

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Please add the year when the national development plan took effect.

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### A5. Please upload the National Development Plan or equivalent document(s).

*If you have problems uploading the document please send the document to [doris.schmitz-meiners@un.org](mailto:doris.schmitz-meiners@un.org)*



**A6. 3. Does the national development plan (NDP) or equivalent document(s) adopt an “integrated approach” to the implementation of protection and promotion of human rights and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda? If so, please describe how.**

**Key issues: (a) How does the NDP promote the universally-applicable and interrelated nature of all SDGs and through this treats all human rights as inter-dependent and indivisible? (b) Does it use human rights standards applicable to different SDGs as a guidepost? (c) Does it draw upon / use relevant general comments and country recommendations by international human rights mechanisms (Treaty-based bodies, Universal Periodic Review, Special Procedures, ILO expert bodies)? Could you provide lessons learned and best practices?**

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Further to the attached documents (i.e The "long-term strategy for sustainable growth for Cyprus" and the "REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS SECOND VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)", it should be noted that Cyprus is also implementing a project in cooperation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), which aims at mainstreaming the implementation of the SDGs across the public sector and in strong partnership with all the relevant stakeholders. («UNITAR (2021-22): Mainstreaming the SDGs in Cyprus»).

Questions regarding the implementation of the documents prepared by the Republic of Cyprus regarding the implementation of the attached documents could best be answered by the implicated departments that exercise executive powers.

[Note : The VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW on SDGs was prepared under the coordination of th Directorate General Growth, of the Ministry of Finance (formerly known as Directorate General for European Programmes, Coordination and Development (DGEPCD)]



**A7. 4. Does the NDP or equivalent document(s) guiding national SDG action include a commitment to reduce discrimination and inequality including through a focus on groups at risk of being left behind? If so, please explain and share promising practices, lessons learned and remaining challenges.**

**Key issues: Does the NDP or equivalent document(s) (a) include a strategy and set out related actions to tackle discrimination and inequalities and ensure that no one is left behind? (b) How did the plan map disadvantaged groups in its analysis and its interventions based on all prohibited grounds of discrimination under international human rights law (c) Does it use disaggregated data, including sex-disaggregated data beyond gender, geography and age to monitor the situation of groups at risks of being left behind in the context of national development efforts (d) How does it make use of the recommendations of international and regional human rights mechanisms relating to inequalities and non-discrimination?**

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**A8. 5. Faced with the COVID-19 pandemic, has your country been able to adopt economic and financial policies and measures to avoid human rights setbacks and to bring your country back on track to achieve the SDGs? How has your country approached aligning SDG financing with its human rights obligations? What have been the main challenges and lessons learned?**

**Key issues: Please share examples of good practices and lessons on: (a) Ways in which macroeconomic policies aimed at generating the necessary resources both domestically and internationally have been guided by obligations on economic, social and other human rights? (b) Approaches to rebalance public expenditure and fiscal policies with the aim of tackling pre-existing inequalities; (c) Examples of how stimulus packages have been designed and assessed with a non-discrimination and equality lens? (d) Methodologies to monitor the impact of loans and grants from international financial institutions on states' ability to meet ESCR core obligations? (e) Approaches used to integrate a human rights perspective into national SDG financing strategies/frameworks.**

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However, we would like to note that, since the outbreak of the pandemic, and in the framework of our competences, we examined umerous complaints against the measures taken by the Government to contain the pandemic (e.g. restrictions in movement, prohibition of social gatherings, closure of businesses and schools, mandatory wearing of face mask, measures of reopening of schools, introduction of "safe pass" to access public places, difference in treatment between vaccinated and unvaccinated citizens).

In a number of cases, the Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights decided to make interventions and submit reports with recommendations to revoke or amend existing measures, to safeguard the enjoyment of fundamental rights of citizens. Generally, our approach to the matter was to assess whether the measures taken by the Government to contain the pandemic were: legally based, time-limited, proportionate and non-discriminatory. Furthermore, we gave special emphasis to the protection of rights of people in situations of vulnerability (eg. people and children with disabilities, people deprived of their liberty, asylums seekers residing in reception centers).

In our interventions we did not use or made specific reference to the SDGs or the 2030 Agenda . However, in a number of our interventions, and in order to support our recommendations, we made reference to provisions of a number of other UN human Rights Documents, like: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



**A9. 6. Has your country been able to use the Voluntary National Review (VNR) under the umbrella of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to strengthen the integration of human rights in national development efforts? If so, please describe how and provide examples?**

**Key issues: (a) Has the country received support from the UN System on using the VNR to help address human rights issues? (b) What approaches were used to make best use of the analysis and recommendations of international and regional human rights mechanisms when preparing the VNR? (c) Where consultations with stakeholders, including with vulnerable groups, held in preparation of the VNR? If so, how was the information used by ministries/ institutions to advance human rights implementation and accelerate SDG progress?**

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This Question could best be answered by the implicated department that coordinated the preparation of the Voluntary National Review, i.e. the Directorate General Growth of the Ministry of Finance



**A10. 7. Does the national development plan establish a monitoring and accountability mechanism where civil society and other stakeholders, including representatives of vulnerable are included and which offers the possibility for feedback, complaints and contributing inputs into policy-making?**

**Key issues: (a) Does the NDP or equivalent document guiding national-level SDG action provide for an ad-hoc or formal monitoring mechanism? (b) Are civil society and other stakeholders, including representatives of vulnerable groups, participating in decision making and monitoring processes? What methodologies have you developed to ensure their active and meaningful participation? (d) Does the strategy envisage any possibility for non-judicial/judicial recourse (including with the support of NHRIs) should human rights concerns emerge in the context of national development efforts?**

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**A11. 9. Is there any other information that you would like to share on integrated approaches to the promotion and protection of human right and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda?**

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No

**Thank you for taking this survey!**