

ALGERIA under UPR/UPR 13th Session (Geneva, 21.05-04.06.12)

Questions-Recommendations by Greece

Thank you Madam President,

Greece would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Algeria to the 13th session of the UPR Working Group. We express our great satisfaction for the continued efforts by Algeria to implement the recommendations of the first cycle.

We have the following questions and recommendations:

1. We acknowledge the significant efforts made by Algeria to combat torture and ill-treatment and welcome the fact that torture is criminalized in the Penal Code. We recommend that Algeria pursue further its policies regarding human rights education and training for law enforcement officials in this field.

2. Algeria has undertaken substantive measures to promote women's rights. We welcome, especially, the new Law of 2012, which provides for compulsory quotas for a minimum representation of women in the Parliament. We recommend that Algeria continue these efforts in order to increase

participation of women in political, public and professional spheres.

3. Finally, we welcome the National Action Plan for children, for the period 2008-2015, which focuses, among others, on the protection of children against abuses, exploitation and violence. Could the delegation of Algeria provide some more information regarding concrete results of the Action Plan up until now?

Thank you Madam President