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Questions-Recommendations by Greece

Thank you Madame Président

Greece would like to welcome the delegation of the UK to the 13th session of the UPR Working Group. We note with appreciation that the country has made a successful effort to implement most recommendations submitted during the first cycle.

We have the following questions and recommendations.

1. We would like to convey our satisfaction for the fact that the UK is at the forefront for the promotion and protection of women's rights. We would like to ask what measures the UK has taken or intends to take in order to alleviate the impact of the financial crisis on women, who, according to surveys, have been enormously affected by the current situation. We recommend that the UK remove reservations to CEDAW.
2. We take note of reports regarding the issue of ethnic profiling in stop and search practices. What measures are taken to eliminate racial discrimination in policing? We recommend that the UK take further steps to address ethnic profiling in practice.
3. Finally, the UK, like many EU countries, including my own, faces difficulties relating to the high number of irregular migrants and asylum-seekers entering the country. In this context, we welcome the establishment of a National Referral Mechanism for victims of trafficking. We recommend that the UK take all measures to ensure that all trafficked people are able to access the support and services they are entitled to, including free legal aid and access to their right to compensation.

Thank you Madame President