

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES under UPR/UPR 15th Session
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Questions-Recommendations by Greece

Thank you M. President,

Greece would like to warmly welcome the delegation of the United Arab Emirates to the 15th session of the UPR Working Group headed by H.E. Dr. Anwar Mohammad Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. We express our appreciation for the country's efforts to implement most of the recommendations of the first cycle and welcome the many positive and significant developments in the country.

We have the following questions and recommendations:

1. We noticed with great satisfaction the creation of many new and different ministry departments and institutions relating to human rights during the last years. Could you please elaborate further on the work done and the progress achieved by them in the field of human rights? There has not been, though, a national human rights institution established yet. What are the efforts made by the United Arab Emirates so far in order to establish a national independent human rights institution?
2. Regarding the issue of human trafficking we acknowledge with appreciation the many positive efforts of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to address this phenomenon including the strategic plan of the National Committee to combat human trafficking. We would like to ask the UAE delegation to elaborate on the results of their actions and share best practices with this Council. We recommend that the United Arab Emirates continue the good work in this area.
3. Finally, we note with appreciation the existence of several actions regarding human rights education and training and would like to ask for the delegation's evaluation of these actions.

Thank you M. President