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Questions-Recommendations by Greece

Thank you M. President,

Greece would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Israel to the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group ~~headed by H.E. ....~~

As general note, we would like to express our concern regarding the continuation of settlement activities and their impact on human rights. We strongly believe that a permanent arrangement of this issue will best serve the interests of all parties in the region and will contribute significantly to the realization of the two-state solution.

On the other hand, we would like to comment positively developments in the country, concerning, *inter alia*, the equal treatment and respect of people of different sexual orientation and gender identity. In particular, we express our satisfaction regarding the efforts of the Government to advance the situation of women in the country as well as efforts towards respect and equality of LGBT population.

In this respect, we would like to make the following two recommendations :

1. **We recommend** that Israel continue to further promote women's participation in all aspects of public life and especially in the political life.
2. **We recommend** that Israel continue all efforts to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Thank you M. President