

**NEW ZEALAND** under UPR/UPR 18<sup>th</sup> Session  
(Geneva, 27.01-07.02.14)

Questions-Recommendations by Greece

Thank you M. President,

Greece would like to welcome the delegation of New Zealand to the 18<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group headed by H.E. .... and thank them for the presentation of their national report. Our delegation would like to commend the Government of New Zealand for its continued commitment to Human Rights and the efforts made in implementing recommendations from the first UPR cycle.

Greece welcomes the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography in September 2011 and hopes that this will help New Zealand in further protecting and promoting the rights of its children.

We would also like to commend the introduction of ten marae-based courts and two Pasifika courts for Maori and Pacific young people who are involved in the youth justice system, yet there are still concerns over the overrepresentation of indigenous peoples in all levels of the criminal justice system.

Greece welcomes New Zealand's pledge to support the UN Women's Initiative "COMMIT" to end violence and discrimination against women and girls, but remains concerned over high rates of violence against women, including domestic and sexual violence, and the large number of cases as such that are not reported.

We would like to make two recommendations:

First, that New Zealand takes further steps in advancing the human rights of its indigenous populations and intensifies its efforts in combating discrimination against them, especially in education, healthcare and employment.

Second, that New Zealand enhances its efforts in combating violence against women.

Thank you M. President