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Questions-Recommendations by Greece

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Thank you Mr President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Egypt, congratulate the country for the national report and express appreciation for the efforts and results in implementing previous recommendations, despite serious security concerns.

We appreciate the stabilising role of Egypt in the wider Middle East Region and Northern Africa, which contributes substantially to the prevention or non-continuation of large scale human rights violations.

Greece has the following recommendations :

- to enhance Parliamentary representation of women in accordance with the new Constitution
- to further strengthen efforts in the area of preventing and combatting illegal migration, including through high risk sea boats

We have the following questions:

- We understand that the draft law on NGOs is now under public consultation. Which are the steps to follow ?
- What are the steps taken for the advancement of women rights in Egypt ?
- We understand that persons taken into custody in the period since July 2013 are now being quietly released and many sentences are being revoked or reduced. Could you provide any numbers in this regard ?

Finally, we commend Egypt for its commitment to the UPR process and wish every success for this cycle.

Thank you Mr President