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Questions-Recommendations by Greece

Thank you Mr President,

Greece would like to welcome the delegation of El Salvador to the 20th session of the UPR Working Group and express appreciation for the country's effort to implement recommendations of the first cycle.

We recognize El Salvador's progress and increased investment in policies and social programmes in different areas including in the field of the rights of the child. However, many challenges still prevail and further efforts are needed by the government especially regarding the right to education. **We recommend** that El Salvador intensify efforts to better organize existing infrastructure and facilities relating to education so as to ensure that all children have equal access to education in both urban and rural areas.

We would like to express concern, regarding the fact that El Salvador has still not achieved demilitarization of public security institutions and especially of the police force. **We recommend** that El Salvador undertake extensive action in order to demilitarize the police force and to grant responsibility for public security to the appropriate institutions.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge with appreciation the recent developments with respect to the ratification of human rights treaties including the adoption of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. **We recommend** the ratification of other important human rights instruments such as the CEDAW's and the CAT's facultative protocols.

Finally, as others, we would like to request more information on the status of the bill on the ratification of the Rome Statute on the ICC which was recently presented to the National Assembly.

Thank you Mr President