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Questions-Recommendations by Greece

Thank you Mr President,

Greece would like to welcome the delegation of Iran and express appreciation for the country's efforts in implementing the recommendations of the first cycle.

We note that, since the first cycle, there have been some positive changes in the normative and institutional framework related to the protection and promotion of human rights. This includes the drafting of Charter of Citizen's rights, which is in the process of elaboration. We would like to request from the Iranian Delegation more information on the main elements and philosophy of the Charter and particularly any plans for its implementation in practice, including judicial remedies.

Women's and girls' rights remain an area of concern. We recommend that Iran take adequate measures, such as the ratification of CEDAW, to enhance the equal role of women in society, in particular, in political, economic, social and cultural life including sports.

Freedom of expression and safety of journalists are also another important area of concern. We recommend that Iran take adequate steps to lift restrictions to the freedom of expression and adopt a framework for the protection of journalists from persecution, intimidation and harassment.

We also recommend ^{the establishment of} a moratorium on the death penalty.

We would like to commend Iran for its commitment to the UPR Process and wish to the Iranian delegation every success for this second cycle.

Thank you Mr President.