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**SLOVENIA**

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Questions-Recommendations by Greece

Thank you Mr President,

Greece would like to welcome the delegation of Slovenia to the 20<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group and express appreciation for the country's efforts and results in implementing the recommendations of the first cycle.

We note that, since the first cycle, there have been several changes in the normative and institutional framework related to the protection and promotion of human rights. This includes the appointment to the Prime Minister's Office of a State Secretary responsible for dialogue with civil society and the coordination of citizens' initiatives. We would like to request from the Slovenian Delegation an initial evaluation of the performance of the new structures. We would like **to recommend** that Slovenia takes the necessary steps to include the human rights Ombudsman under the Group A of the Paris Principles relating to the status of National Human Rights Institutions.

Regarding the Roma people, we would request that the delegation shares with us good practices on Roma integration especially in relation to education of Roma children and housing. **We recommend** that Slovenia take further measures to combat marginalization and discrimination against Roma.

Finally, we would like to commend Slovenia for its commitment to the UPR Process including the implementation of previous recommendations and wish to the Slovenian delegation every success for this second cycle.

Thank you Mr President.