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Review of Kenya
Intervention by Greece**

Thank you Mr President,

Greece would like to welcome the Kenyan Delegation to the 21st Session of the UPR Working Group and to seize this opportunity to commend them on the promulgation of a new Constitution in August 2010, through an inclusive, peaceful and well organized process and the progress made since then. This process has indeed been instrumental in laying a solid foundation for addressing the challenges of the country in the longer term, including in the human rights area.

Regarding outstanding challenges in the sphere of human rights protection in particular, we would like to express our concern on the delays in enacting new national policies in the domain of the freedom of information and the freedom of expression.

We recommend, therefore, that Kenya proceeds to the swift enactment of the draft laws on the Freedom of Information, as mentioned in paragraph 41 of its National Report and to the urgent overall review of the penal treatment of freedom of expression offences, especially with regard to the protection of journalists.

Thank you Mr President.