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Review of Bulgaria
Intervention by Greece

Thank you Mr President,

Greece wishes to warmly welcome the Bulgarian delegation and to congratulate them upon the significant progress achieved in the enhancement of the already existing solid institutional framework, particularly through the work of the Commission for Protection against Discrimination and the Ombudsman, regarding the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, since the first UPR cycle. We particularly commend the practice of establishing Working Groups on the follow-up process of the UPR recommendations, as bringing special added value to the purposes of this mechanism. Therefore, **Greece recommends Bulgaria to continue spreading best practices in this field.**

Greece also appreciates the progress achieved in the field of promoting equal opportunities between men and women. We welcome recent amendments strengthening the competences of the national Council on Gender Equality and regular multi-stakeholder public campaigns and initiatives aimed at raising awareness on domestic violence, and **we recommend taking further positive actions in the above areas as well.**

Thank you Mr President