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Review Croatia
Intervention by Greece**

Thank you Mr President,

We would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of the Republic of Croatia to the 22nd UPR Session and to congratulate it on the progress achieved in the field of human rights, since the 1st UPR cycle.

We note with appreciation several developments with regard to the rights of women, in particular the "Gender Equality Act" and the "Development Strategy for female entrepreneurship 2014 - 2020". Furthermore, we commend the activities of the State to increase the representation of women, as described in the national report.

Additionally, we commend the Republic of Croatia for the developments on the rights of children and the "National Strategy on the Rights of Children 2014-2020" adopted last year as well as the efforts of the State to promote the rights of children with disabilities.

Greece recommends Croatia:

- To take further steps to ensure and enhance women's rights in all levels.
- To take all necessary measures to lift all existing barriers in the enjoyment of the rights of persons with disabilities, with particular attention to their right to live independently, to have access to adequate health care services and to be integrated in the community.
- To ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Finally, we would like to wish every success to the Delegation of the Republic of Croatia in their constant efforts to further enhance the protection of human rights in their country.

Thank you Mr President.