

**UPR 22nd Session
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Review of Libya
Intervention by Greece**

(Ms Ismini Panagopoulou)

Thank you Mr President,

Greece welcomes the Libyan Delegation and believes that their presence here today bears testimony to the fact that the UPR mechanism is useful in helping them confront the ongoing serious challenges the country faces in the field of human rights. We would first of all like to use this opportunity to recognize the necessity of continued efforts so as to ensure success of the national dialogue aiming to a political consensus, as promoted by Mr Bernardino Leon, in the framework of the UN. We express our solidarity to the Libyan people. A people confronted with an armed conflict that is exacerbating the security and political situation in the country, by, inter alia, regrettably increasing the death toll of those attempting to cross the Mediterranean.

Greece has the following recommendations:

- That Libya, strengthens its cooperation with UNSMIL and OHCHR, in order to resume capacity building of national institutions dealing with human rights, transitional justice and the rule of law, according to its Government's expressed wishes.
- That Libya lift all reservations to the Convention to End All Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and allow women's participation in all tracks of the national concord government formation process, as well as in decision-making positions.
- That Libya investigates the killings of journalists since October 2011 and brings perpetrators to justice.

In this vein, our country endorses the UN Secretary-General's recommendations on formalizing the role of UNHCR, thus contributing in curbing mixed migration movements towards Europe.

Thank you Mr President