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Intervention by Greece

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Thank you Mr President,

We would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of Australia to the 23rd UPR Session and to congratulate it on the progress achieved in the field of human rights, since its first review when it has accepted 137 out of 145 recommendations. As it is evident from the National Report, we would like to highlight progress in different areas, in particular Australia's commitment to constitutionally recognizing Indigenous peoples. We also point out the importance of the work of the Australian Human Rights Commission, as a key player in protecting and promoting human rights in Australia.

We would like to submit the following **recommendations** :

- to further promote protection of rights of the child, giving emphasis to Indigenous children
- to further promote the safety and living conditions of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers arriving in Australia
- to continue concerted efforts for the preservation of the cultural and linguistic identity of Indigenous peoples

We would like to take this opportunity to wish to the Australian Delegation and our Australian colleagues all the best for the implementation of the recommendations that they will receive today and their overall efforts to enhance the protection of human rights in their country, which have yield commendable results.

Thank you Mr President