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**Review of Myanmar**  
**Intervention by Greece**

Thank you Mr President,

We would like to welcome the Delegation of Myanmar to the 23<sup>rd</sup> UPR Session and to note certain positive developments with regard to the democratisation process in the country. As it is evident from the National Report, the first review marked not only the political but also the socio-economic reform of the country and its efforts made to alleviate poverty. Myanmar's consideration of becoming a signatory to other international human rights instruments –such as that of CAT- is to be welcomed and we hope that this can be materialised as a matter of priority.

Moreover, the Government's commitment to increasing health budget on a scale of 5% of the country's GDP by the year of 2016 is a step towards the right direction. On the other hand, we note with concern the absence of specific legislation criminalising domestic violence and violence against women, and particularly the need for drastic improvement of the situation of minorities in the country.

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

- to step up efforts towards the prevention and suppression of human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants by air, land and sea;
- to continue its democratisation process by means of adequately restructuring of the local police force;
- to release all remaining political prisoners;
- to accede to the ICCPR and its Optional Protocol with an aim to abolish death penalty.
- to improve the situation of minorities in the country.

Finally, we would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish to the Myanmar Delegation all the best for the implementation of the recommendations that they will receive today.

Thank you Mr President