

**UPR 24<sup>th</sup> Session****(Geneva, 18-29 January 2016)****Review of Denmark****Intervention by Greece**

Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of **Denmark** to the 24<sup>th</sup> UPR Session and to congratulate it on the progress achieved in the field of human rights, since its first review, when it has accepted most of the recommendations made. As it is evident from the National Report, we would like to highlight progress in different areas in particular:

- The progress made for the protection of children, especially for the vulnerable ones, since the establishment of the Danish Office for Children in 2012
- The efforts made to strengthen pupils' well-being as well as to reduce incidents of bullying at schools
- The progress achieved concerning the rights of vulnerable persons and persons with disabilities
- The impressive results in promoting the rights of the LGBTI community
- The great achievements in gender equality and women's participation in the labor market

We would like to submit the following recommendations:

- To step up efforts towards the prevention of discrimination against refugees and asylum seekers by repealing recent laws and methods perpetuating those practices
- To limit the use of prolonged periods of pre-trial detention
- To encourage the development of an action plan for combating child poverty
- To promote the right of access to Danish government schools by the children seeking asylum
- To take further steps in order to protect the right for family reunifications for refugees, giving emphasis to child rights
- To further ensure the identification and protection of victims of human trafficking