

UPR 24th Session

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Review of Paraguay

Intervention by Greece

We would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of Paraguay to the 24th UPR Session and to congratulate it on the progress achieved in the field of human rights, since its first review. As it is evident from the National Report, we would like to highlight progress in different areas. We commend in particular:

The impressive acceptance of all 124 recommendations made during its 1st UPR

The signature of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The adoption of the National Development Plan to 2030, setting poverty reduction and social development as priority issues

The implementation of the National Public Safety Strategy, incorporating human rights issues as a priority into public policy

The adoption of the National Policy on Childhood and Adolescence 2014-2024, targeting the access of children and adolescents, mostly the underprivileged ones, to universal policies

The abolition of death penalty at a Constitutional level

We would like to submit the following recommendations:

- To ensure the adoption and implementation of an anti-discrimination law, cohering to international human rights standards
- To adopt the National Plan to Prevent, Combat and Care for the victims of trafficking
- To encourage the justice system to consider the defense of freedom of expression and the prosecution of crimes against journalists, as high priority issues

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