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Statement by H.E. Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič, Permanent Representative of the Holy See to
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GREECE
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Mr. President,

The Holy See welcomes the Delegation of Greece on the occasion of the presentation of its second National Report to the Universal Periodic Review.

My Delegation acknowledges the various efforts made by Greece to guarantee the effective implementation of human rights through the elaboration of the first National Action Plan on Human Rights. We are glad to note the efforts to prevent trafficking in persons.

My Delegation would like to recommend to Greece:

1. To continue its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance.
2. To continue with its efforts to avoid excessive use of force by law enforcement officials, in particular related to the policing of demonstrations and crowd control.
3. To ensure that the human rights of migrants, and migration policy and practice are fully respected by national legislation, and to strengthen all efforts to implement the National Action Plan on Asylum and Migration Management.

Thank you, Mr. President