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Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Greece

Thank you, Mr. President

We warmly welcome the delegation of Greece and thank them for their report presented before us today.

Israel would like to commend Greece for its efforts to alleviate the negative impact of the economic crisis on the most disadvantaged population groups, as well as for the hospitality and assistance extended by the government and the people of Greece, to huge numbers of refugees who have arrived to its coasts.

Israel would like to highlight, among many measures adopted by Greece in recent years, the adoption of the National Strategy for Social Inclusion, the National Program on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and the National Referral Mechanism for victims of trafficking.

We also commend Greece for the adoption of a robust legislative framework to fight against racial discrimination, xenophobia and Holocaust denial as well as the establishment of a National Board against Racism and Intolerance.

Israel would like to recommend Greece the following:

- (1) To further strengthen measures aimed at preventing and combating domestic violence.
- (2) To fully implement the already existing and recently amended legislation to combat racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia.
- (3) To adopt measures to fight against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
- (4) To further develop policies aiming for inclusive education and access to work for people with disabilities.

Israel wishes Greece a successful UPR.

Thank you.