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Thank you, Mr. Chairman

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My ~~delegation~~, would like to thank the Working Group on UPR, the Government of Greece, Member States and Stakeholders for their contributions and commitment to the UPR process.

We applaud the Government of Greece for its ^{*A economic*} commitment to international human rights obligations despite the financial crisis and austerity measures currently under implementation in order to address this challenge. We take cognisance of the fact that despite the financial crisis facing the country, Greece contributed financially to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2011, 2013 and 2014. This gesture needs to be commended.

My delegation recognises that the economic and migration crisis have created a lot of pressure and challenges on national efforts to meet human rights obligations. We applaud the Government of Greece for the continued efforts towards elimination of human trafficking and the progress achieved in persecuting labour and sex trafficking offences.

We, therefore, ask Member States and the international community to continue supporting Greece in efforts to address the financial crisis. Furthermore, multilateral support to Greece is needed as it hosts

migrants and endeavours to provide basic needs in line with international obligations. We believe that such support is necessary for Greece to successfully implement its UPR recommendations.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

