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Statement by Pakistan for Greece UPR
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Mr. President

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Greece for the comprehensive presentation of Greece's national report on UPR. We note with appreciation the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment as follow up of its first cycle.

My delegation takes note of the challenges posed by the economic crisis and its negative impact on the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, in the country.

Despite these challenges, the Greek government has taken some positive steps to protect the minor children, women, and efforts to combat racism and xenophobia. The construction of a mosque in Athens is also a positive development as the city is host to a large number of Muslim Community. We ask the Government of Greece to expedite the construction of this important project to allow its religious minorities, freedom of religion and belief.

My delegation would like to recommend the Government of Greece to:

1. To take legislative measures to curtail hate speech, not only by extremists but also by the mainstream media and public figures as there has been an increase in hate-motivated crimes against refugees, migrants and minorities, including hate crimes affecting religious and ethnic minorities.
2. To continue to take measures to protect the rights of children, women and refugees.

We, once again, thank the delegation of Greece for a comprehensive presentation of the National Report on UPR and wish them the best during the review.

I thank you.