

UPR of Greece

Statement by the Republic of Poland

Mr. President,

The Polish delegation would like to thank the delegation of Greece for the presentation of their national report. We acknowledge Greece's activities undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR.

Poland is aware of the financial restraints faced by the Greek government and acknowledges the efforts undertaken by Greece to preserve the social cohesion and address the social inequalities. In particular we support the adoption of Law no. 4310 on the humanitarian crisis.

Poland notes with appreciation the efforts of the government of Greece aimed at rescuing the migrants reaching its borders and receiving them in accordance with its international obligations.

Moreover, Poland welcomes the adoption of new laws and policies as a response to the acts of violence against foreigners.

At the same time, there is still room for further improvement in the above mentioned areas of human rights.

In this respect, Poland **recommends Greece to take further steps to mitigate the impact of the economic crisis and the austerity measures on social and economic rights of the most vulnerable groups of the society.** Poland also stresses the need to **ensure the adequate financial resources for the national human rights institutions.**

Furthermore, Poland **recommends that Greece takes further measures, both in terms of legislation and implemented policies, in order to ensure the respect for human rights of all migrants.** Finally, we recommend Greece to continue the efforts **to combat racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia.**

Thank you for your attention.