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Statement by Slovakia

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Mr. President,

Slovakia acknowledges that Greece has improved the level of Human rights protection since the first UPR cycle.

We commend Greece for the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD) and the Optional Protocol in 2012. We invite the Government to its full and effective implementation.

We welcome the National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child and Child Care as a good start to comprehensive reform of the child protection system. However, several issues in the field of the rights of the child should still be addressed, in particular we encourage the Government to work further on deinstitutionalization of all children with the aim on promotion of family-based care facilities for children.

While bearing in mind that Greece has developed also a National Action Plan on Human Rights as a strategic step to protect various categories of human rights, we encourage the Greek authorities to implement all the actions regarding the right to education and freedom of religion.

We would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Greece:

1. **Move towards deinstitutionalisation of all children by investing in and promoting family-based care facilities for children in line with UN Guidelines on Alternative Care for Children.**
2. **Adopt and fully implement a new action plan on the gender equality for the next period lasting till 2020.**

Thank you.