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UPR of GREECE

Mr. President,

Slovenia warmly welcomes the ratification by Greece of the CRPD and the OP-CAT, among other ratifications during the period under review, as well as the many activities of the National Commission for Human Rights listed in the national report.

In light of migratory pressures, we appreciate information on the efforts of the authorities to respect international standards relating to refugees. We're also pleased to hear that the government intends to include the issue of protection of unaccompanied children in the national action plan on children's rights. We further appreciate efforts of the authorities to mitigate the consequences of austerity measures on the most vulnerable groups.

We would like to offer the following **recommendations**:

- include the issue of domestic violence in regular education and training courses for police officers, prosecutors and judges;
- ratify the CoE Convention on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence;
- consider changes in legislation and practice in order to ensure that individuals who
 express conscientious objection to compulsory military service on the grounds of freedom
 of thought, conscience, disability, and/or religion do not face harassment or prosecution,
 and that they have the opportunity to perform civilian service of equal length to the one of
 military service;
- ratify the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education.

Thank you.