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**Review of Uzbekistan**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Greece welcomes the delegation of Uzbekistan to the 4th UPR cycle.

We consider that the adoption of the new constitution is a positive step for ensuring further democratic reforms in the country.

We would also like to commend the country’ s efforts for the promotion and protection of children’s rights especially through the creation in 2021 of the National Commission on Children and other regional commissions.

Greece would like to recommend that Uzbekistan:

1. Take effective measures for the promotion of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, as well as the protection of the safety of journalists and human rights defenders against intimidation and harassment.

1. Step up ongoing efforts to establish mechanisms in order to provide comprehensive support for women, especially through the implementation of the National Strategy for Achieving Gender Equality for the period until 2030.
2. Continue taking additional measures to enhance the full independence and impartiality of the judiciary system.

We wish the delegation of Uzbekistan a successful UPR review.

I thank you.