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**Review of North Macedonia**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you, Mr President

Greece welcomes the delegation of the Republic of North Macedonia to the 4th UPR cycle.

We commend the positive steps undertaken by the Republic of North Macedonia since the latest review. We recognize the efforts in strengthening the rule of law in the country, as well as the adoption of the Strategy for gender equality 2022-2027 and the adoption of the National Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2023-2030.

At the same time, we would like to point out that there is margin for further improvement, especially in the field of strengthening judicial independence and implementing international treaties.

**Greece would like to recommend that the Republic of North Macedonia:**

1. Focus and intensify efforts to combat human trafficking, through bolstering efficiency of both relevant legislative framework and mechanisms responsible for identification of victims and perpetrators.

2. Take measures to ensure adequate implementation and conduct of the laws and the appropriate sanctioning of the perpetrators of gender-based violence.

3. Ensure the allocation of the necessary resources to the Commission for the Prevention and Protection against Discrimination, enabling it to fulfil its mandate.

We wish the Delegation of the Republic of North Macedonia a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.