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**Review of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you Mr President.

Greece welcomes the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the 4th UPR Cycle.

We express our serious concern about the deterioration of the human rights situation in the country and regret that the restrictions on civic space and repressions have intensified.

**Greece would like to recommend that Iran:**

1. Ensure that all human rights defenders and their families are not threatened with or subjected to intimidation, harassment, arbitrary arrest, deprivation of liberty or life, or other arbitrary sanctions.

2. Repeal or amend laws that discriminate against women and girls in particular those on the mandatory hijab.

3. Introduce an immediate moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to abolishing it and prohibit the execution of child offenders in all circumstances.

4. End all forms of discrimination and persecution on the basis of persons’ religion or belief.

5. Cooperate fully with international human rights mechanisms.

6. Decriminalize insolvency and eliminate the option of imprisoning the insolvent until they satisfy or settle their debt.

We wish the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran a successful UPR cycle.

Thank you.