**UPR 38**

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**Review of Belgium**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you Madam President

Greece warmly welcomes the delegation of Belgium to the UPR.

We commend Belgium for the significant progress achieved since the last cycle, including for the measures taken to respond to arrivals of unaccompanied children.

We would like to ask Belgium to elaborate on the implementation of Greece’s recommendation to facilitate the effective access to justice for women in cases of sexual harassment.

**Greece would like to recommend that Belgium**

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;
2. Complete the process of putting in place a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles;
3. Strengthen the prevention of new forms of gender-based violence, such as online harassment.

Greece wishes the Delegation of Belgium every success in implementing the recommendations received today.

I thank you.