**Draft Statement**

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Thank you, Madam President.

The Republic of Korea commends Greece for the positive developments achieved since its last review, notably in strengthening its legal and institutional framework for human rights. Especially, we welcome its establishment of multiple National Action Plans for safeguarding the rights of vulnerable groups as well as the adoption of a new law on gender equality with its ratification of the Istanbul Convention.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Encouraging Greece to continue its ongoing efforts in this vein, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Make further efforts to counter discrimination and intolerance against disadvantaged persons based on their ethnicity and religion, with a special focus on equal access to quality education for all children;
2. Continue its focus on removing barriers to all aspects of employment for women and promoting the participation of women in political and public life; and
3. Further sharpen policies to ensure the respect for human rights of asylum-seekers and migrants, while paying special attention to the protection of unaccompanied minors.

I thank you.

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1. Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence [↑](#footnote-ref-1)