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**UPR39 – GREECE**

**Statement by Slovakia**

1 November 2021

Madam President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Greece to this UPR session and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

Slovakia commends Greece for the submission of the midterm report on the implementation of the recommendations from previous UPR cycle.

We note with concern the rise of attacks on the freedom of the media such as harassment and assaults against journalists including the murder of Giorgos Karaivaz in April 2021. We encourage Greek authorities to proactively investigate this act and bring perpetrators to justice.

We recognize efforts invested in addressing lasting problems with childcare and welcome the adoption of the National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child.

We would like to offer following **recommendations** to Greece for further consideration:

1. Ensure adequate human and financial resources for thorough implementation of the NAP on the Rights of the Child.
2. Consider ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

We wish Greece a successful review.

I thank you, President.