41st UPR Session

Review of UK

Statement by Greece

Thank you Mr. President,

Greece warmly welcomes the delegation of UK to the UPR.

We recognise the progress achieved since the last review. We commend the UK’s progress in tackling hate crime, further strengthened by the 2018 amendments to the Hate Crime Action Plan. Regarding gender equality, we highlight the passing of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, which will significantly enhance accountability mechanisms towards perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Greece would like to recommend that the UK:

1) Take further action to ensure a safe environment for civil society, including the removal of potentially restrictive legislation to the rights of association and peaceful assembly

2)Take concrete steps to improve the safety of journalists, investigate incidents of attacks on journalists, and implement the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity

3) Ensure that any proposed changes to the Human Rights Act do not diminish access to justice

I thank you.