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**Review of Pakistan**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Greece welcomes the delegation of Pakistan, thanks them for their presentation, and recommends the following:

1. Form the Commission for the Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals, to tackle impunity in crimes against journalists, as required under the Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Bill, 2021, and take all the necessary measures to allow journalists to exercise their legitimate and fundamental freedoms without any kind of restrictions in the name of protection.
2. Repeal blasphemy laws and combat religious intolerance.
3. Adopt and enforce legislative measures in order to prohibit forced conversions, forced and child marriages.
4. Ratify the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and align national legislation with international law.
5. Ratify the Second Optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in order to abolish the death penalty.

I thank you.