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**Review of the United Arab Emirates**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Greece would like to warmly welcome the delegation of the United Arab Emirates to the 4th UPR cycle.

We welcome progress achieved since the last review and we especially commend its leading positions on several global indicators in the field of human rights.

We also commend the establishment of the National Human Rights Institution in 2021 according to the Paris *Principles,* as well as the country’s pivotal role in the promotion of biodiversity.

We would also like to give special mention to the 2022-2026 gender-balance strategy, as well as to the UAE Vision 2021, with a view to promoting and protecting human rights in the country.

Greece would like to recommend that the United Arab Emirates:

1) Continue ongoing efforts in the field of human rights training and education.

2) Continue existing efforts for the prohibition of any form of violence against children in all aspects of their lives.

3) Continue taking measures towards promotion of freedom of opinion and expression*.*

We wish the delegation of the United Arab Emirates a successful UPR.

I thank you.