**UPR 43**

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**Review of Israel**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Greece warmly welcomes the delegation of Israel to the 4th UPR cycle and appreciates the overall progress achieved.

We commend the country’s dynamic engagement in multilateral fora on issues such as rights of persons with disabilities, as well as sexual and gender-based violence.

We also welcome, Israel’s increased involvement in the HRC which led to the presentation of its first ever resolution on “Countering cyberbullying”.

Greece would like to recommend that Israel:

* Examine anti-discrimination laws so as to ensure that equal treatment and non-discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity, expression and sex characteristics are included.
* Adopt a comprehensive definition of violence against women that includes economic and symbolic violence.
* Continue efforts to ensure access to holy places and freedom of worship for members of all faiths
* Continue efforts when it comes to the protection of children, on line and off line, LGBTQI children, as well as children in detention.

We wish the delegation of Israel a successful UPR review.

I thank you