**UPR 43**

**(Geneva, 1.5-12.5.2023)**

**Review of Serbia**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Greece would like to warmly welcome the delegation of Serbia to the 4th UPR cycle.

We commend the progress achieved since the last UPR review.

We welcome the constitutional amendments adopted in 2021 and the adoption of important legal framework towards strengthening the independence and accountability of judiciary.

We further appreciate the further protection of the rights of the children, with specific reference to the adoption of a new general protocol for the protection of children from abuse and neglect in 2022.

Greece recommends that Serbia:

1. Continue working on the process for the amendment of Family Law towards the abolition of child marriages and the prohibition of corporal punishment of children.
2. Consider conducting a survey on gender-based violence against women and girls, especially those in vulnerable groups.
3. Continue the on-going efforts on the prohibition and prevention of discrimination, including on persons in vulnerable situations.

We wish the delegation of Serbia a successful UPR review.

Thank you