**UPR 30th Session**

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**Review of Cuba**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you Mr President

Greece would like to welcome the delegation of Cuba to the 30th session of the UPR Working Group.

We would especially like to express our appreciation for the de facto abolition of the death penalty. We commend Cuba’s constant efforts to fight against all forms of discrimination through laws, policies and programmes. Furthermore, we welcome Cuba’s remarkable efforts to promote gender equality and its significant progress in combating discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI).

**Considering that further challenges remain ahead, Greece would like to express the following recommendations:**

1. That Cuba consider ratifying the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
2. That Cuba consider ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment (OPCAT)

We would like to seize this opportunity to wish to the Delegation of Cuba the best in implementing the recommendations they will receive today.

I thank you