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**Review of Turkmenistan**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you Mr President

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

We would especially like to express our appreciation for the number of legislative acts taken which aim at improving the legal framework related to Human Rights. These include, inter alia, the revision of the Constitution in 2016, the National Plan for gender equality 2015-2020, the National Plan for Combating Trafficking in persons 2016-18 and the National Plan for Human Rights 2016-2020. We also commend the amendment of the Criminal Code, which introduces a definition of Torture.

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

1. That Turkmenistan establishes monitoring mechanisms for the aforementioned National Plans
2. That Turkmenistan ratifies the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment

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

I thank you