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**Review of Uzbekistan**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you Mr President

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

We would especially like to express our appreciation for the adoption of a National Action Plan (2014-16) for the implementation of the recommendations made by the HRC and the UN Treaty Bodies. We also commend the willingness of the Uzbek government to cooperate with the UN Special Procedures, something which is also reflected by the recent visit to the country of the UN SR on Freedom of Religion or Belief. We welcome the government’s decision to base its reforms on FORB according to the report of the SR.

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

1. That Uzbekistan takes all appropriate measures in order to improve the living conditions of all detainees, as well as to prevent any phenomena of mistreatment or torture in prisons
2. That Uzbekistan 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 Uzbekistan the best in implementing the recommendations they will receive today.

I thank you