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**Review of Cambodia**

**Statement by Greece**

Greece welcomes the delegation of Cambodia to the 32nd session of the UPR Working Group.

We would like to note Cambodia’s progress in respect of LGBTIQ inclusion, as well as the development of a safety net for the most vulnerable, including persons with disabilities. However, we cannot but express our deep concern for the important worsening of the overall HR situation in the country.

Greece has a long-standing position as regards the rights of journalists. Greece therefore **recommends** that Cambodia create an enabling environment for a free and pluralistic media, including by ceasing judicial harassment against journalists and abuse of tax regulations to harass media outlets and associations.

**Greece also recommends that Cambodia:**

1. Revoke trade union registration and reporting requirements that result in the restriction of the freedoms of association, assembly and expression.
2. Amend “LANGO” [Law on Associations and NGOs] to bring it in line with Cambodia’s obligations under the ICCPR.
3. Create the conditions for genuine, multi-party democracy in the country and for free and fair elections to take place.
4. Establish regional appeals courts, in accordance with the Law on organization of Courts, and ensure their proper operationalization by 2023

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