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**Review of Nicaragua**

**Statement by Greece**

Thank you Mr President

Greece welcomes the Delegation of Nicaragua to the UPR. We commend the country for its efforts to eradicate overall and extreme poverty, to increase access to water, sanitation, and electricity as well as to incorporate a gender perspective in its national policies [*ranked 5th at the Global Gender Index of the World Economic Forum*]

Greece welcomes the continuation of the peace talks between the GRNU (Government of Reconciliation and National Unity) and the opposition [by the mutually approved Plan of Action] and we encourage the Government to continue implementing all agreements so far as well as advance in the talks towards an overall consensus.

**Greece would like to recommend that Nicaragua:**

1. Consider the ratification of human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party;

2. Guarantee the protection and promotion of freedom of expression and the independence and pluralism of the media;

3. Continue dialogue and take concrete steps towards an increased collaboration with the OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) and the special procedures mandate-holders

[*We would like wish to the Delegation of Nicaragua all success in implementing the recommendations they will receive today*].

Thank you