



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Thank you Mr. President,

Israel takes this opportunity to welcome Greece again and congratulates it on the adoption of its UPR report.

Israel commends Greece for its great efforts made to deal with the refugee crisis and for providing its full hospitality and assistance to all the people that arrived to its coast searching for help.

Israel also reiterates its support for the adoption of many measures in order to combat racial discrimination, xenophobia and Holocaust denial.

Mr. President,

Last May, during the review, Israel presented four recommendations for Greece's consideration, regarding: (1) measures aimed at preventing and combating domestic violence; (2) implementation of the existing legislation to combat racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia; (3) measures to fight against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity; and (4) the development of policies aiming for inclusive education and access to work for persons with disabilities.

We were pleased that all our recommendations were accepted immediately after the review.

We look forward to continue our close cooperation with Greece in this Council, and in particular regarding the UPR.

We encourage Greece in the upcoming implementation phase towards its next UPR review, and we hope to hear the advances it has achieved.

Thank you.