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Review of Greece

Statement of Ireland

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Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Greece and thanks it for its presentation today.

Ireland acknowledges Greece's efforts to advance human rights domestically and commends progress made since the last UPR cycle.

We welcome the fact that appropriate action has been taken against a violent far right group through the justice system, leading to criminal convictions. We further welcome the development of Greece's strategy for the integration of refugees, and encourage its implementation.

Ireland makes the following recommendation to the Greek authorities:

1. Ensure that the necessary legal framework governing NGOs operating in Greece does not inhibit their capacity to contribute to the protection of refugees and migrants.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.

We wish Greece every success with this UPR cycle.

Thank you.