

2RP: Responses to Recommendations & Voluntary Pledges

GREECE

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Greece's responses to recommendations (as of 05.09.2016):

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Summary:
Accepted: 157 Noted: 24 Pending: 26 Total: 207	Of the 26 pending recs, 15 are accepted, 9 are noted, and 2 are 'accepted in part' ¹	"At the HRC, the VP stated that, out of 207 recommendations 173 were supported, 32 noted and additional information was provided on 2"	Accepted: 174 Noted: 34 Total: 208

Paragraph headers are as in the Report of the Working Group, but the nature of responses to recommendations may have subsequently been changed.

List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/25/4:

134. The recommendations listed below have been examined by Greece and enjoyed the support of Greece:

A - 134.1 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Montenegro) (Italy) (Portugal);

¹ Recommendations 136.12 and 136.25 were 'accepted in part'. Rec 136.12 was divided into two parts by the delegation; one part now accepted, and the other considered as already being implemented. As such, the recommendation is considered accepted in full. For rec 136.25, as the parts accepted and noted were clearly identified, the recommendation was split into two recommendations, one accepted and one noted. The total number of recommendations is now 208



- A - 134.2 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Montenegro) (Portugal);
- A - 134.3 Ratify and domesticate the Optional Protocol to the Convention of the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (Kenya);
- A - 134.4 Ratify the 1961 Convention of the Reduction of Statelessness (Ghana);
- A - 134.5 Consider ratifying the Council of Europe's Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Georgia);
- A - 134.6 Ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) (Belgium) (Bosnia and Herzegovina) (Bulgaria) (Italy) (Netherlands) (Portugal) (Slovenia) (Thailand) (Turkey);
- A - 134.7 Intensify efforts to combat violence against women and domestic violence and ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) (Austria);
- A - 134.8 Develop national human rights indicators, as suggested by the OHCHR, as an instrument that allows for a more precise and coherent evaluation of its national human rights policies (Portugal);
- A - 134.9 Ensure the adequate financial resources for the national human rights institutions (Poland);
- A - 134.10 Develop, in collaboration with the National Commission for Human Rights, an operational and comprehensive human rights strategy (Ukraine);
- A - 134.11 Finalise and implement a National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child as a matter of priority; in the meantime, put measures in place to protect those who are vulnerable such as unaccompanied children and children with disabilities (Botswana);
- A - 134.12 Finalize, as soon as possible, the National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child and address, as a matter of priority, the issue of unaccompanied children (China);
- A - 134.13 Complete the elaboration of the National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child and address, as a matter of priority, the issue of unaccompanied children (Cyprus);
- A - 134.14 Adopt and effectively implement a national action plan on the rights of the child with special attention to protection of the rights of children in institutional care and children with disabilities (Czech Republic);
- A - 134.15 Expedite the process of finalization of the National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child (Georgia);
- A - 134.16 Expedite the adoption of a National Action Plan to protect the rights of children (Maldives);
- A - 134.17 Prioritise the review and reform of the legislative framework to fully safeguard the rights of unaccompanied minors, including through finalisation of its National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child (Jamaica);
- A - 134.18 Finalize the National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child, attaching the necessary importance to the issue of unaccompanied children (Romania);



A - 134.19 Finalise the National Action Plan on the Rights of the Child and address, as a matter of priority, the issue of unaccompanied children (South Africa);

A - 134.20 Strengthen human rights education and training (Morocco);

A - 134.21 Take appropriate measures to improve inclusion and social diversity, by conducting public campaigns on racism and xenophobia and include awareness-raising and education in the field of human rights in the curriculum of public schools (Honduras);

A - 134.22 Undertake further initiatives to address hate speech directed against members of vulnerable groups, and ensure sufficient focus on this topic in the education system (Norway);

A - 134.23 Conduct public campaigns on racism and xenophobia; and include human rights education in the educational curriculum of public schools (Nigeria);

A - 134.24 Provide human rights training to law enforcement officials to end incidents of police brutality and excessive use of force (Sierra Leone);

A - 134.25 Include the issue of domestic violence in regular education and training courses for police officers, prosecutors and judges (Slovenia);

A - 134.26 Continue the promotion and the protection of human rights, particularly for women, children and vulnerable groups in the society (Bahrain);

A - 134.27 Continue to take measures to protect the rights of children, women and refugees (Pakistan);

A - 134.28 Continue efforts aimed at promoting rights of children, women, persons with disabilities (Ukraine);

A - 134.29 Accelerate the adoption of a new comprehensive plan of action on gender equality and ensure its effective implementation (Belarus);

A - 134.30 Adopt and fully implement a new action plan on the gender equality for the next period lasting till 2020 (Slovakia);

A - 134.31 Undertake further measures to realize its policies in relation to gender equality (Tajikistan);

A - 134.32 Continue to strengthen measures to promote the economic empowerment of women particularly in the time of the financial crisis (United Arab Emirates);

A - 134.33 Continue the efforts to promote gender equality, with regard to the high female unemployment rates (Bulgaria);

A - 134.34 Take additional measures in order to fully implement the national legislation securing gender equality (Iraq);

A - 134.35 Continue to strengthen measures to promote tolerance and respect for cultural diversity and to counter prejudice, stereotypes, discrimination, racism, and Islamophobia (United Arab Emirates);

A - 134.36 Take further actions to combat incitement to hatred and racist crimes against foreign nationals, including by promoting a positive narration on international migration and pursuing the National Action Plan against Racism and Intolerance (Malaysia);

A - 134.37 Ensure that all crimes committed with a discriminatory motive are fully and effectively investigated and prosecuted (Australia);

A - 134.38 Effectively investigate hate crimes and violent attacks against individuals from vulnerable and marginalized groups, including ethnic and religious minorities; prosecute perpetrators as well (Canada);

A - 134.39 Continue to fight against racist crimes and hate speech (China);

A - 134.40 Investigate all cases of xenophobia, violence and attacks against migrants, including the involvement of law enforcement officers in such crimes (Ghana);

A - 134.41 Investigate all cases of violence and xenophobic attacks, including any type of participation in these crimes by the forces of public order and of the staff of detention centres (Guatemala);

A - 134.42 Investigate all cases of xenophobic violence and attacks against migrants, including any law enforcement involvement in those crimes (Namibia);

A - 134.43 Investigate all cases of xenophobic violence (Iceland);

A - 134.44 Fully implement the already existing and recently amended legislation to combat racism and xenophobia (Israel);

A - 134.45 Continue efforts to address hate speech against refugees and migrants (Lebanon);

A - 134.46 Investigate all cases of xenophobic violence and attacks against migrants (Nigeria);

A - 134.47 Implement stricter policies aimed at ending racial violence as perpetuated against migrants and foreigners (Sierra Leone);

A - 134.48 Take additional measures to combat violence related to racial discrimination (France);

A - 134.49 Increase the measures for combating intolerance and xenophobic and racist violence (Peru);

A - 134.50 Extend measures to address the problem of hate speech, especially by ensuring effective investigations (Germany);

A - 134.51 Continue to deepen awareness-raising measures on discrimination against asylum seekers and refugees, in particular through the investigation of cases of violence and xenophobic attacks against migrants (Argentina);

A - 134.52 Adopt a comprehensive strategy to fight against all forms of racism and xenophobia (Algeria);

A - 134.53 Continue maximum efforts to ensure freedom from discrimination for certain minorities, especially school age children and women (Uruguay);

- A - 134.54 Continue its endeavours to combat racism, including through establishing a national board against racism and intolerance (Egypt);
- A - 134.55 Take additional measures in combating racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia and fully implement the applicable law (Armenia);
- A - 134.56 Continue its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance (Holy See);
- A - 134.57 Promote and develop laws to combat all forms of discrimination, racism and xenophobia (Lebanon);
- A - 134.58 Continue efforts to fight against racism and racial discrimination (Morocco);
- A - 134.59 Continue the efforts to combat racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia (Poland);
- A - 134.60 Continue to take further steps, with a view to combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and to implement the existing and newly adopted legislation (Romania);
- A - 134.61 Ensure full implementation of legislation aimed at combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (South Africa);
- A - 134.62 Work on increasing racial, ethnic and religious tolerance (Tajikistan);
- A - 134.63 Adopt a national plan to combat social exclusion and vulnerability of women belonging to Muslim communities, Roma women, migrants and women living in rural areas (Algeria);
- A - 134.64 Combat more actively the stereotypes and prejudices to which lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons are subject, organizing public awareness campaigns and ensuring that the perpetrators of acts of violence on the grounds of sexual orientation are prosecuted and punished (Chile);
- A - 134.65 Adopt measures to fight against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity (Israel);
- A - 134.66 Actively investigate instances of discrimination in employment, including against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons (United States of America);
- A - 134.67 Improve the treatment of migrants, asylum seekers, Roma population and other marginalized group by law enforcement officials (Albania);
- A - 134.68 Ensure in practice the accountability of law enforcement officers in cases of abuse (Belarus);
- A - 134.69 Prosecute and punish perpetrators of acts of torture in accordance with the law (Togo);
- A - 134.70 Continue with its efforts to avoid excessive use of force by law enforcement officials, in particular related to the policing of demonstrations and crowd control (Holy See);
- A - 134.71 Staff and operationalize the office established for handling alleged instances of abuses of law enforcers in order to address all alleged attacks and reports of ill treatment (Botswana);

A - 134.72 Strengthen efforts preventing torture, including through ensuring that the Office responsible for handling alleged instances of abuses as foreseen by Law 3938/2011 functions effectively and independently and with sufficient funding and staff (Czech Republic);

A - 134.73 Ensure the mechanism for handling allegations of ill-treatment by law enforcement officials of members of marginalised groups, such as migrants, asylum-seekers and Roma, is made operational as soon as possible, and that its investigations are carried out in a prompt, thorough and impartial manner (Ireland);

A - 134.74 Establish an effective and independent mechanism to register complaints filed against the Greek authorities and investigate the alleged violations (Switzerland);

A - 134.75 Reduce overcrowding and ensure that prison conditions in Greece meet international human rights standards (Austria);

A - 134.76 Take all necessary measures to improve the conditions in prisons and resolve the issue of prison overcrowding (France);

A - 134.77 Extend the use of alternative detention measures as a step towards compliance with international standards of custody (Germany);

A - 134.78 Continue to improve conditions of detention, including through appropriate assistance from regional and international partners (Jamaica);

A - 134.79 Initiate a long-term awareness-raising campaign against domestic violence and its root causes among the general public as well as professionals such as medical doctors, judges and the police and monitor and evaluate regularly the implementation of the domestic violence law and policies in order to strengthen the remedies and legal protection available to victims of domestic violence (Czech Republic);

A - 134.80 Accelerate the amendments to the relevant legal texts necessary to bring them into conformity with the National Programme on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women (Spain);

A - 134.81 Place greater emphasis on sensitization and gather data disaggregated by age, gender and the relationship between victims and offenders in relation to gender-based violence (Spain);

A - 134.82 Further strengthen measures aimed at preventing and combating domestic violence (Israel);

A - 134.83 Establish systems for monitoring and gathering information with the view to prevent abuse and ill-treatment of children, as well as other situations of negligence or lack of adequate care (Mexico);

A - 134.84 Take necessary steps for the implementation of the relevant legal and policy framework, with a view to combat effectively trafficking in persons, identifying victims, providing them with all the necessary assistance and support, and prosecuting traffickers (Iran (Islamic Republic of));

A - 134.85 Take necessary measures to strengthen identification, rehabilitation and social integration of victims of trafficking in human beings, including by providing them with shelter and assistance (Republic of Moldova);

A - 134.86 Take necessary steps for the implementation of the relevant legal and policy framework to combat trafficking in persons, identifying victims and providing them with all necessary assistance and support (South Africa);

A - 134.87 Continue the implementation of the appropriate legal and policy frameworks for the effective combating of trafficking in persons (Tajikistan);

A - 134.88 Implement measures to ensure more effective legal procedures and speedier resolution of legal cases (Norway);

A - 134.89 Take the necessary measures to accelerate processing of court cases in respect of the right to access to justice and right to a fair trial (France);

A - 134.90 Continue to reform its domestic child protection system in order to end institutional residential care and move towards a community based model (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

A - 134.91 Continue the efforts deployed by the Greek government to start the implementation of the children alternative care program (Iraq);

A - 134.92 Move towards deinstitutionalisation of all children by investing in and promoting family-based care facilities for children in line with the Guidelines on Alternative Care for Children (Slovakia);

A - 134.93 Ensure religious freedom and tolerance, by measures such as decriminalizing blasphemy and protecting the rights of religious minorities, atheists and agnostics (Brazil);

A - 134.94 Continue to implement policies which guarantee the effective right to freedom of religion for the Muslim minority of Thrace (Peru);

A - 134.95 Continue its efforts to increase the participation of women in political life and in decision-making positions (Cuba);

A - 134.96 Adopt and implement necessary legislative and administrative measures to promote the effective participation of women in the public and political life of the country (Mexico);

A - 134.97 Continue to promote the right to work for all including through providing technical and vocational training for young people (Egypt);

A - 134.98 Develop policies and programs to effectively implement National Strategy for Social Inclusion (Indonesia);

A - 134.99 Step up measures to mitigate the negative impacts of economic measures, with an emphasis on improving social protection systems and eradicating poverty (Malaysia);

A - 134.100 Continue to take appropriate measures to protect the most vulnerable sectors and to preserve social cohesion, in the face of the huge social inequalities and ensure the enjoyment of basic goods and services for families living in conditions of poverty (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));

A - 134.101 Continue implementing the plan endorsed by the government in November 2014 aiming to help families and individuals living in conditions of extreme poverty (Bahrain);

A - 134.102 Make every effort within its capacity to implement law number 4320/2015 to give people living in poverty access to basic goods and services (Libya);

A - 134.103 Continue its efforts to mitigate the negative results of the economic crisis and the austerity measures that primarily affect the most disadvantaged groups of the population (Cuba);

A - 134.104 Continue its efforts to mitigate the negative impacts of the economic crisis and austerity measures on the most disadvantaged segments of the population (Nepal);

A - 134.105 Take further steps to mitigate the impact of the economic crisis and the austerity measures on social and economic rights of the most vulnerable groups of the society (Poland);

A - 134.106 Continue to highlight during its negotiations with international creditors, the necessity to protect economic, social and cultural rights in the context of financial aid programme, in accordance with the obligations undertaken by Greece in international human rights conventions (Armenia);

A - 134.107 Continue its efforts to mitigate the negative impact of the economic crisis on human rights and to urge the international lenders to support the Government's endeavours in this area (Egypt);

A - 134.108 Continue to raise, in the negotiations with international lenders, the need to protect economic, social and cultural rights in the context of the national assistance program, bearing in mind that the institutions involved, including international financial institutions, should fully take into consideration Greece's obligations under the relevant human rights treaties (Iran (Islamic Republic of));

A - 134.109 Ensure equal access for girls and women to all levels of education in all regions (Republic of Korea);

A - 134.110 Ensure sustainable and universal access to education for children, including children with disabilities and children living in remote areas (Malaysia);

A - 134.111 Take concrete steps to end discrimination against persons with disabilities (Maldives);

A - 134.112 Address the discrimination faced by persons with disabilities with regards to access to education, employment and healthcare (Ghana);

A - 134.113 Further develop policies aiming for inclusive education and access to work for people with disabilities (Israel);

A - 134.114 Intensify efforts to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities with a view to improving their access to employment, social services and education (Thailand);

A - 134.115 Promote increase autonomy to persons with disabilities in the fields of health, employment and education as additional steps following the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Spain);

A - 134.116 Take steps to fully integrate Roma children in its education system, including by ending discrimination and segregation of Roma children in schools (Australia);

A - 134.117 Further improve the access of minority groups, specially Roma and, in particular, Roma children and adolescents, to education (Brazil);

A - 134.118 Take steps to end discrimination and segregation suffered by Roma children in the school system in accordance with its international obligations (Switzerland);

A - 134.119 Fully implement the National Strategy for the Integration of the Roma to avoid discrimination against them and to increase their opportunity for education and employment (Honduras);

A - 134.120 Continue to deepen the actions for the protection and promotion of the rights of the Roma (Argentina);

A - 134.121 Intensify the actions which ensure the integration of the Roma community and their full enjoyment of their human rights, in particular the rights to work and education (Peru);

A - 134.122 Continue its work to safeguard full respect of human rights for, and non-discrimination of, the Roma population in Greece, in line with Greece's international obligations, and in doing so fully and effectively implement adopted strategies at all levels (Sweden);

A - 134.123 Continue efforts towards gender equality, including ensuring effective review and control by domestic civil courts of inheritance and family matters determined by religious bodies for Muslim minority women in Thrace (Australia);

A - 134.124 Continue the protection of the rights of migrants (Morocco);

A - 134.125 Ensure full respect for the human rights of migrants (Nigeria);

A - 134.126 Continue to protect the rights of migrants living in its territory (Senegal);

A - 134.127 Supervise the working conditions of migrant workers effectively (Belarus);

A - 134.128 Urgently strengthen the capacities of the Asylum Service (Austria);

A - 134.129 Ensure adequate reception conditions so that asylum seekers receive support in line with the requirements of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and of European Union law (Austria);

A - 134.130 Ensure that the refugee flows across its territory continue to be managed in accordance with the obligations of Greece in respect of human rights (Spain);

A - 134.131 Pay particular priority for improving reception conditions for refugees and migrants and continue its efforts for a more efficient asylum procedure (Norway);

A - 134.132 Ensure that the legislative and policy response to increases in irregular migration is consistent with international human rights and refugee law, particularly the principle of non-refoulement (Canada);

A - 134.133 Work for the amelioration of the situation of migrants, particularly with regard to access to, and quality of, the asylum procedure, as well as the conditions in detention centres, and to ensure that full respect for human rights of all migrants and protection is granted to refugees in line with Greece's international obligations (Sweden);

A - 134.134 Maintain addressing the emerging situation of refugee influx and migratory pressures while continuing to ensure the necessary respect for human rights (Egypt);

A - 134.135 Take further measures, both in terms of legislation and implemented policies, in order to ensure the respect for human rights of all migrants (Poland);

A - 134.136 Ensure that the human rights of migrants, and migration policy and practice are fully respected by national legislation, and strengthen all efforts to implement the National Action Plan and Migration Management (Holy See);

A - 134.137 Ensure that domestic legislation fully respects the human rights of refugees and migrants (Iceland);

A - 134.138 Ensure that the authority tasked with the management of European Union funds, such as the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, commences operations as swiftly as possible (Iceland);

A - 134.139 Accelerate efforts to provide effective structures for identification, care and accommodation to protect and support vulnerable migrant and refugee arrivals, including victims of torture, unaccompanied minors, and persons with disabilities (Ireland);

A - 134.140 Continue to provide assistance and protect the rights of irregular migrants fleeing from conflict through partnerships at the regional and international level (Malaysia);

A - 134.141 Ensure systematic provision of adequate information to all refugees and migrants arriving in Greece on asylum procedures, the European Union relocation scheme and family reunification possibilities (Namibia);

A - 134.142 Ensure the most vulnerable asylum seekers and migrants – such as women who are pregnant or with young children, unaccompanied minors, and persons with disabilities — have access to basic services and safe, adequate living conditions, including by increasing shelter capacity (Canada);

A - 134.143 In cooperation with other European nations and international organizations, work to improve resources, living conditions, and safety at migrant processing centres (United States of America);

A - 134.144 Redouble efforts to ensure decent living conditions for migrants and asylum seekers in the reception centres (Costa Rica);

A - 134.145 Continue to develop its national Asylum Service while paying special attention to human rights, to living conditions of reception facilities and to the needs of vulnerable groups (Finland);

A - 134.146 Continue to reinforce strategies to avoid the prolonged stay of migrants, particularly unaccompanied minors, in centres without the necessary care infrastructure (Mexico);

A - 134.147 Take measures, together with her international partners, to increase shelter capacity for asylum-seekers and unaccompanied children (Namibia);

A - 134.148 Continue efforts to ensure decent living conditions in all reception and detention centres for migrants and asylum seekers by providing adequate healthcare services, food, sanitary conditions and access to transportation (Timor-Leste);

A - 134.149 Ensure decent living conditions in all reception and detention centres for migrants and asylum seekers by providing adequate services (Uganda);

A - 134.150 Give necessary attention to the safety of migrants and international staff deployed in the reception centres on the Greek islands (Belgium);

A - 134.151 Take measures to improve the monitoring, identification and care of unaccompanied minors who arrive in the country (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

A - 134.152 Establish and adequately resource a well-functioning guardianship and care system for unaccompanied minor refugees or asylum seekers (Norway);

A - 134.153 Consider assigning full authority to a body to supervise issues relevant to the protection of unaccompanied immigrant minors in coordination with other agencies (Panama);

A - 134.154 Undertake measures to improve the legislative base with the aim of increasing the effectiveness of institutions providing guardianship to unaccompanied children (Russian Federation).

135. The following recommendations enjoy the support of Greece, which considers that they are already implemented:

A - 135.1 Accede to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Senegal);

A - 135.2 Include human rights education in the curriculum of schools (Maldives);

A - 135.3 Revise its Law 3005/2006 on Combating Domestic Violence to address the issue of marital rape, to prohibit physical violence against minors and facilitate legal procedure for victims (Thailand).

136. The following recommendations will be examined by Greece which will provide responses in due time, but no later than the thirty-third session of the Human Rights Council in September 2016:

A - 136.1 Consider ratification of ILO Convention 189 (Philippines);

A - 136.2 Ratify and domesticate ILO Convention on Domestic Workers No. 189 (Kenya);

N - 136.3 Ratify the Protocol No. 12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of the Council of Europe (Hungary) (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);

N - 136.4 Ratify the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);

N - 136.5 Intensify the work aimed at the ratification of the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, signed by Greece in 1997 (Hungary);

A - 136.6 Make fully operational the National Observatory for the rights of children and clearly define its coordinating role (Togo);

A - 136.7 Ensure that its policies, legislation, regulations and enforcement measures effectively serve to prevent and address the heightened risk of business involvement in abuses in conflict situations, which includes situations of foreign occupation (State of Palestine);

A - 136.8 Take legislative measures to curtail hate speech, not only by the extremists but also by the mainstream media and public figures, as there has been an increase in the hate-motivated crimes

against refugees, migrants and minorities, including hate crimes affecting religious and ethnic minorities (Pakistan);

A - 136.9 Take additional effective measures to combat racist crimes targeting migrants and Roma especially in the areas of employment, education, health and housing (Qatar);

A - 136.10 Actively investigate and condemn instances of discrimination against non-citizens and members of religious and ethnic minority groups, and condemn anti-Semitic statements made by public officials (United States of America);

A - 136.11 Take steps towards full legal recognition of same-sex relationships; this includes registered partnership, fiscal partnership, and marriage and the possibility to adopt children (Netherlands);

A - 136.12 Establish an independent mechanism for the investigation of allegations of torture by police officers in order to ensure that police detention remains subject to rigid time limits and judicial review by a court (Albania);

N - 136.13 Adopt legislative measures to prohibit the detention of minors and to decriminalize child begging (Costa Rica)

A - 136.14 Fulfil its long-standing pledge for constructing a mosque in Athens, and open one of the historical mosques in Thessaloniki to worship, as well as allocating a cemetery for Muslims in both cities (Turkey);

N - 136.15 Review the current legislation with a view to recognizing an alternative to military service, which is accessible to all conscientious objectors and is not punitive or discriminatory (Uruguay);

N - 136.16 Consider changes in legislation and practice in order to ensure that individuals who express conscientious objection to compulsory military service on the grounds of freedom of thought, conscience, disability, and/or religion do not face harassment or prosecution, and that they have the opportunity to perform civilian service of equal length to the one of military service (Slovenia);

N - 136.17 Decriminalize defamation and place it within a civil code that is in accordance with international standards (Ghana);

A - 136.18 Undertake accurate measures to register associations of distinct communities, including those claiming minority group status (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);

N - 136.19 Recognize the Roma as minority and continue to improve the standards in housing, education and health care (Germany);

A - 136.20 Set appropriate quotas to accelerate the equal representation of women in all areas of public life (Costa Rica);

N - 136.21 Adopt measures to increase the representation of women in positions of responsibility in the legislative and executive organs, setting specific deadlines for this (Chile);

A - 136.22 Review its legislation to ensure all forms of hatred against minorities are prohibited by law (Republic of Korea);

A - 136.23 Take measures to increase the attendance rates of Roma students and their retention in school by, inter alia, providing sufficient comprehensive measures to cover education- related

expenses and raising awareness of the importance of education among Roma families (State of Palestine);

A - 136.24 Limit the use of detention of asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons (Norway);

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A - Redouble efforts to implement the National Plan of Action on the Management of Asylum and Migration and

N - establish a mechanism for automatic judicial review of expulsion orders (Honduras);

A - 136.26 Prohibit the detention of unaccompanied children in law and end it in practice, and increase shelter capacity for unaccompanied children seeking asylum (Belgium).

137. The recommendations below did not enjoy the support of Greece and would thus be noted:

N - 137.1 Consider the possibility of acceding to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Egypt);

N - 137.2 Consider ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (Philippines);

N - 137.3 Accede to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (Senegal);

N - 137.4 Accede to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (Turkey);

N - 137.5 Ratify and domesticate the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Kenya);

N - 137.6 Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Algeria) (Timor-Leste) (Chile);

N - 137.7 Consider accession to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Member of Their Families (Indonesia);

N - 137.8 Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Uruguay) (Ecuador) (Guatemala) (Ghana) (Honduras);

N - 137.9 Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and revise the national laws and regulations to ensure full protection against forced labour for all categories of workers, and ensure effective oversight of labour conditions (Albania);

N - 137.10 Ratify the Convention against Discrimination in Education of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Slovenia);

N - 137.11 Consider accession to the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (Hungary);

N - 137.12 Take result-oriented measures for eliminating discrimination and hate speech against migrants, Muslims and the members of the Turkish Muslim minority (Turkey);

N - 137.13 Take meaningful steps to guarantee in practice the equal and effective enjoyment of culture, profession and practice of religion and use of language by all persons, including those claiming to belong to ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities (Albania);

N - 137.14 Take necessary steps for recognizing the Muftis elected by the Turkish Muslim minority and repealing the relevant articles of the Law 3536/2007 (Turkey);

N - 137.15 Amend relevant articles of the Law on Foundations and allow the Turkish Muslim minority to have full power over the control and supervision of its foundations (Turkey);

N - 137.16 Execute the European Court of Human Rights judgments passed in 2008 about the applications of three minority associations, outlawed on grounds that they had the word "Turkish" in their names (Turkey);

N - 137.17 Take effective measures for the recognition of all minorities in order to fully protect their rights, their language, religion, culture and identity (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);

N - 137.18 Redouble its effort in order to fully observe the Committee on the Rights of the Child's concern at persistent discrimination against Roma children, children of Turkish origin and children from groups identifying themselves (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia);

N - 137.19 Initiate procedures for the opening of Turkish-Greek bilingual kindergartens, as well as new bilingual minority schools in line with the current needs of the minority (Turkey);

N - 137.20 Consider implementing effectively the national action plan for migrants without prejudice to their status by decriminalization of irregular migration situation (Bangladesh);

N - 137.21 Apply a dignified and humanitarian treatment, which respects the universal principles of human rights, to refugees in the detention centres, with measures such as ending immediate deportations at sea and land borders, the deportations and arrests of migrant children and refugees and the greatest possible protection for unaccompanied children (Ecuador);

N - 137.22 Introduce and implement further programs and policies focusing on the integration of migrants and national minorities into the Greek society (Ukraine);

N - 137.23 Set up a comprehensive long-term strategy for refugees and migrants, and prevent the violation of the principle of non-refoulement/forced return (Qatar);

N - 137.24 Reinstate the citizenship of about 60,000 Greek nationals under the repealed Article 19 of the Greek Citizenship Code (Turkey).

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