



Jssor Youth Organisation
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Mr Chair;

Jssor Youth Organisation commend Greece for its efforts to support human rights across the globe, including sponsoring the resolution on “Youth and Human Rights”.

We also welcome the positive steps taken by Greece to implement the recommendations from its last UPR.

Since the last review, the country has been experiencing a severe economic crisis, which is an aspect of the broader crisis affecting many European countries.

The impact of the economic recession has been significant, resulting in social upheavals and threatening to disrupt the social fabric.

Unemployment remains a major problem at around 25 percent of the labour force; with youth unemployment reached 49.8 percent.

It is a crucial moment for Greece to find new ideas by having regular consultations with youth groups and passionate individuals looking for new approaches to address the problems, in the areas of economic development, employment, social inclusion, health, education, civic engagement, environment and more. It is this moment of opportunity that requires design of new solutions and develop proven ones, so as to address the immediate youth needs and create sustainable, long-term solutions to tackle unemployment amongst youth, through the promotion of vocational training, enhanced work based learning and the facilitation of school-to-work projects in association with its investment projects

This will include:

- I. A structured dialogue between educational authorities and the private sector to enhance training provision and skills standards in line with employer requirements, and also reaching out to global innovators and leading organisations, to connect for inspiration, expertise and partnerships.
- II. The inclusion of youth in the next review process is essential, since the last review lacked recommendations dealing with youth issues. Subsequently, the inclusion will result in a full youth participation as a chief source of innovation, raising their voice in matters affect their lives directly.