STATEMENT UPR
PRE-SESSION ON GREECE

IMPORTANT STEPS TO PROTECT INTERSEX SINCE 2016, such as:

- **Law 4443/2016**, introduced “sex characteristics” as a prohibited ground of discrimination in employment;
- The amendment to **Law 927/1979** in 2017, added “sex characteristics” to the provisions on public incitement to violence or hatred;
- The **National Strategy for Equality of LGBTQI+ (2021)** included intersex issues as a distinct area of concern and identified several priorities.

LAW 4958/2022

This law was passed in 2022 and made Greece the 5th country in Europe and the 6th in the world to ban non-consensual interventions on intersex infants and children.

But the Law is still not implemented

- The required interdisciplinary committee under Article 18 has not been established.

- Official guidance to hospitals and medical personnel has not been issued.

- There is no visible state monitoring mechanism to verify compliance, document violations, or provide redress.

- We, at Intersex Greece, continue to receive complaints suggesting that medically unnecessary interventions may still be taking place.

- There is also information indicating that some intersex infants may be sent abroad for interventions that would be prohibited domestically.

The Government of Greece should:

- **Fully implement Law 4958/2022** by establishing, with no further delay, the interdisciplinary committee required under Article 18 and by issuing binding implementation protocols to all hospitals and healthcare providers.

- **Establish an independent monitoring mechanism** to oversee compliance with the prohibition on medically unnecessary sex-normalising interventions on intersex minors, including accessible complaint and redress procedures.

-

The Government of Greece should:

- Develop and adopt **mandatory national guidelines** for healthcare personnel on intersex bodily diversity, informed consent, bodily autonomy, depathologised care, confidentiality, and psychosocial support.

- Ensure the **meaningful participation of intersex persons and intersex-led organisations** in law reform, policy design, implementation, and monitoring processes.

THANK YOU!