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Thank you Ms/Mr Moderator,

Considering the institutional dimension of the term, “rule of law” is to be the organizational basis of policy that state authorities are obliged to act within the framework of instituted rules of law and predetermined responsibilities. However, in Greece, as the international community may know the corruption rate is increasing day by day while the “rule of law” is decreasing. It is easy to follow and understand, almost on a daily basis, the appointment of civil servants with fake university diplomas or subjective criteria, selective or non-application of the law in many cases led to a discussion of anomy, the decline of rule of law in Greece.

The government’s inability to intervene in social and economic settings created a conflict situation in the country. Therefore, contemporary Greece is in need of a stable system, including rule of law, law enforcement, and social support for the ones who in need.

From the minority perspective I may say that there is no ‘rule of law’ in Greece. The arbitrary application of rules and laws, political intolerance to the Turkish Minority of Western Thrace, non-protection of established minority rights, non-transparent polity towards the minority, and ignoring the minorities like the Turkish and the Macedonian ones create a distrustful atmosphere in the country. The Minority people don’t know the next step and which minority rights will be usurped tomorrow.

The Greek state violates minority rights that guaranteed by international and bilateral treaties and She doesn’t ensure the implementation of international human and minority rights protection standards.

There is National Human Rights Institution in Greece but up to now nobody from this institute gets in touch with the minority NGOs or representatives. So the function of this institute is questionable for the Turkish Minority of Western Thrace.

Ms/Mr. Moderator,

Western Thrace Turkish Minority calls upon the Greek State

- To implement the provisions of international and bilateral treaties that She is a party,
- To have a concrete dialogue with the Turkish Minority representatives during the legislation process,

Thank you for your attention.