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Thank you Madame President,

Turkey welcomes the delegation of India and its National Report.

India, as the largest democracy in the world, deserves special attention and appreciation. Turkey commends India's developing a national action plan to better address the human rights challenges.

In this respect, it is noteworthy that India has established national and state level human rights mechanisms such as the National Human Rights Commission.

We would like to encourage India to strengthen the mandate of the National Human Rights Commission to address greater variety of human rights issues and to accelerate work on the protection of the rights of the children and women in particular.

If possible, we would like to better understand the implementation by India, of the ICESCR provisions on equality and non-discrimination.

"The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) encouraged India to consider ratifying the Convention Against Torture (CAT)". We would like to request information on the current state of ratification process.

Finally, Turkey encourages India to sign the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of death penalty.

I thank you Madame President.