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Intervention by Turkey

We would like to thank the delegation of the United Kingdom for their comprehensive and informative National Report.

Turkey and the United Kingdom enjoy a privileged relationship based on strong bonds of alliance, partnership and mutual trust.

We recognize that the United Kingdom plays an important role in defending and promoting human rights in the UK and across the world.

Nevertheless, today we should pursue a concerted effort with the United Kingdom in the face of growing racist, xenophobic tendencies in a number of countries in Europe. Aggravated by existing economic and financial difficulties, these threats are against the founding values of Europe.

In this regard, the UK, which has a long tradition of standing up for safety and well-being of immigrants, bears special responsibility to mobilise efforts so as to prevent the radicalization of such extremist ideologies.

We recommend that the UK take all appropriate measures to combat prejudices and negative stereotypes, which may result in racial discrimination or incitement to racial hatred.

We welcome the establishment of an independent, judicial-led inquiry into allegations that Britain was implicated in the improper treatment of detainees held by other countries in the aftermath of 9/11.

We recommend that the UK implement ECRI's recommendation to continue to monitor hate crimes and to work with the community to increase understanding of the impact of such offences and to pursue efforts to improve the police gathering of evidence of racist motivations.

Thank you.