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Thank you Madame President,

We would like to thank H.E. and the distinguished delegation of the Czech Republic for their informative presentation.

In the area of the rights of children, we acknowledge the Czech Republic's signature of the Convention on the Rights of Children (CRC), and we would like to **recommend** the ratification of the Protocol on the Sale of Children (OP-CRC-SC) with a view to provide better implementation of the CRC.

We further **recommend** the Czech Republic to ratify the Council of Europe (CoE) Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, as a member of the European family.

We also **recommend** the Czech Republic to increase all efforts to combat all forms of intolerance, racism, xenophobia; take further legislative measures and policies to combat racist manifestations, in particular against Roma.

Along the same line, Turkey **recommends** the Czech Republic to develop a national action plan against racism in line with the Durban Declaration and Program of Action and investigate the perpetrators of hate crimes.

In the area of migrant workers, Turkey strongly **recommends** the ratification the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.

Finally, Although Turkey takes note of the Ombudsman, Turkey **recommends** the Czech Republic to establish a national human rights institution in line with the Paris Principles.

I thank you Madame President.