

**Human Rights Council - 14th Session of UPR
Country Under Review: Ukraine**

Thank you Madam President,

Turkey welcomes the delegation of Ukraine and thanks them for their comprehensive National Report.

First and foremost, Turkey notes with satisfaction that Ukraine has become a party to several important international conventions in a number of fields ranging from the improvement of the rights of persons with disabilities to combating trafficking in persons, within the past four years.

It is noteworthy that the Ukrainian Parliament has adopted a new code of criminal procedure which sets out custody as an "exceptional measure" and imposes certain restrictions on its use as a preventive measure.

We find encouraging the training programmes conducted by the Ukrainian Government in coordination with several regional and international organizations such as OSCE and ILO on combating trafficking in persons.

On the other hand, we would like to touch upon the situation of the Crimean Tatars.

We appreciate the positive approach of the Ukrainian authorities in helping Crimean Tatars to repatriate to their ancestral lands and their integration to the wider community. We trust and recommend that no effort will be spared for the improvement of the current status and living conditions of the Crimean Tatars along with the other minorities. In this vein, the enactment of the draft law "on the Restoration of the Rights of Persons, Deported on the National Grounds" with its current content and stipulations is of central importance.

In line with the concerns and recommendations expressed by CERD and CRC, we believe that further action to be taken in ensuring and preserving the political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Crimean Tatars would be conducive to better inter-communal relations.

Thank you.