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Intervention by Turkey

Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Canada and thank them for their comprehensive report.

Canada is known for its embracing and open system for not only refugees and the oppressed but also for white-collar professionals, innovators and investors.

However, we receive negative reports from Canadian human rights organizations about "Canada's deficit" in the implementation of the rights of migrants, refugees, people with disabilities, women etc. Furthermore, these reports point to Canada's reluctance to fulfill its commitments emanating from its accession to numerous international conventions.

In the same vein, the social and economic posture of the aboriginal peoples across Canada is worrisome. Unemployment, poverty, drug addiction and domestic violence within these communities are serious and widespread issues that must be carefully approached.

There are also reports about how the indigenous communities' traditional way of life is being endangered by the decisions of the Canadian federal government in favor of mining companies and urbanization.

We would like to recommend Canada to

- ensure effective implementation of CEDAW at the federal, provincial and territorial levels with particular attention to aboriginal women and girls;
- implement the recommendation of CERD to realize the economic, social and cultural rights of aboriginal people;
- closely monitor the situation of other disadvantaged groups such as women migrant workers and women prisoners.

Thank you.