

UPR 16TH WORKING GROUP
STATE UNDER REVIEW: COLOMBIA
STATEMENT BY TURKEY
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Thank you Mr. President.

We would like to welcome the delegation of Colombia and thank them for their comprehensive report.

We would like to commend Colombia for the steps it has been taking to create a climate of security and stability in the country towards the enjoyment of a stable political and social environment.

We welcome the efforts made by Colombia to strengthen the rule of law, the important legislative and public policy initiatives and the action against corruption.

We also commend Colombia for the actions that have been undertaken to guarantee gender equality and to empower women, such as the development of guidelines for a national policy of gender equality for Women.

We would like to recommend Colombia to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

Thank you.