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Intervention by Turkey

Thank you Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the German delegation.

Growing xenophobic tendencies and the killing of 10 persons by the terrorist organization National Socialist Underground make the 3 million Turkish community in Germany feel increasingly insecure.

To Germany:

We **recommend** to take all necessary measures to prevent xenophobic activities of far-right groups and to combat prejudices and negative stereotyping, in the context of eliminating all kinds of discrimination against the immigrants.

We recommend that the trial regarding NSU be easily observed and that all allegations about NSU network be investigated.

As regards the discrimination in the form of denial of access to double nationality, we **recommend** Germany to recognize the possibility of dual citizenship, a possibility which is already offered to people from more than 50 countries, to Turks legally residing in Germany, instead of forcing them to choose between their two nationalities.

We follow the reports on violations of human and children rights by Youth Offices (Jugendamt). In the press they are criticized for forcefully separating every year 4 to 5 thousand Turkish children from their families. These offices are known to overlook humanitarian, cultural and human rights aspects of the cases.

We **recommend** to introduce independent and effective legal and professional supervision of these offices and ensure that Jugendamt decisions be in conformity with binding international norms, including the rulings of the European Court of Human Rights.

We recommend to Germany to work closely with Turkey regarding the situation of the Turkish Community in Germany.

I thank you Mr. President