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Statement by Turkey**

Thank you Mr. President,

We thank the delegation of Tuvalu for their informative national report and their detailed presentation today.

We commend Tuvalu on its constructive engagement with the UPR process and its sincere efforts to implement recommendations made by the Human Rights Council in 2008.

We acknowledge the positive steps taken by Tuvalu in recent years which reflect its commitment to human rights.

We recommend the Government of Tuvalu to continue its efforts to accede to the remaining core international human rights treaties which will strengthen the domestic legislation with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights, including freedom of religion or belief.

Turkey is aware of the constraints in funding and resources which hinder the full implementation of Tuvalu's human rights obligations and therefore invites all regional and international development partners to provide technical and financial assistance to Tuvalu.

We are confident that the Government of Tuvalu would successfully implement its National Strategic Development Plan that prioritize among others, establishment of Ombudsman's Commission, promotion of gender equality and extending role of women in development.

We would like to underline the importance of having a human rights institution or a national body that could act as a coordination body overseeing all human rights issues and in this context recommend the Government of Tuvalu to pursue its efforts to create a national human rights institution.

Thank you Mr. President