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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the Mexican delegation and thank them for the presentation of their well-elaborated national report.

Turkey welcomes the strides that have been achieved in Mexico in the area of human rights since 2011.

In this respect, the comprehensive constitutional amendments of 2011 which granted constitutional status to the human rights enshrined in international treaties to which Mexico is party and the signing of the Pact for Mexico are noteworthy.

The empowerment of the National Human Rights Commission by means of constitutional amendments has been significant as it has strengthened its capacity to investigate serious human rights violations.

Turkey commends the positive developments in the federal and local prison systems. The increase in the budgets that are being allocated to the prison systems in both levels are a clear indication of the adoption of a human rights based approach in the penitentiary system.

An important development in terms of freedom of expression was the introduction in November 2012 of an "early warning system" aimed at rapid preventive and protective action to safeguard human rights defenders and journalists.

Turkey would like to recommend to the Government of Mexico:

- 1) To continue the public security and judicial reforms and ensure their implementation.
- 2) To pursue efforts to ensure that complaints in cases of torture, arbitrary detention and disappearances are duly investigated.

Finally, we would like to ask the Mexican delegation what are authorities doing at state and local level in order to promote and protect human rights.

Thank you Mr. President