

UPR 17th SESSION
COUNTRY UNDER REVIEW: SAUDI ARABIA
Intervention by Turkey

Mr. President,

We would like to thank the Saudi delegation for their detailed national report and its successful presentation.

We observe with satisfaction the Saudi Government's good willed effort to actualize the recommendations presented at the first round of the UPR mechanism.

Turkey commends the Kingdom's leap in empowering women within the society. The significant rise in women's participation in the civil service and tremendous increase in girls' enrollment in higher education are the fruits of the legal arrangements in this field.

We would like to **recommend** the Saudi Government to continue its ongoing efforts to further increase the attendance of girls in secondary and higher education and the participation of women in professional sphere.

We note with interest the increased scope for freedom of expression in the Kingdom and the efforts made to promote it. The Turkish delegation wishes to inquire about future measures to promote this right.

Turkey believes that the regulations and introduction of monitoring and registering mechanisms for the migrant workers are positive developments. Turkey is in full cooperation with the Saudi authorities in resolution of disputes stemming from the system of sponsorship for migrant workers.

Turkey also commends the Saudi Government's efforts in providing full access to health services for the general population. We would like to **recommend** the Saudi Government to continue these efforts.

Thank you.