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**COUNTRY UNDER REVIEW: YEMEN**

**Intervention by Turkey**

Thank you Mr President,

We thank the Yemeni delegation for their presentation of the second national report.

We commend and support the Yemeni Government in its efforts for protecting human rights, including strengthening the role of women in the society; establishing rule of law and combating poverty as well as corruption.

We recognize the Yemeni Government's efforts to improve the human rights situation in the country, in a period that was marked by huge social and political transformation, economic and security challenges. We would like to emphasize the establishment of an independent national human rights mechanism, increased partnership with civil society and the amendments made in the national legislation regarding issues related to human rights as an important progress.

While commending Yemen for the positive steps taken so far, we should also note that there still remains much to be done, particularly in terms of economic and financial reforms, domestic security and representation of women in the political arena.

We would like to underline that Yemen is now entering a new phase of political transition towards democratic governance. While this is a challenge in itself, it also provides an opportunity for the Yemeni Government to fully integrate human rights requirements in its national legislation.

Hence, we **recommend** Yemen to give further impetus to the reforms towards rule of law, human rights and integrated economic development, thereby increasing the national security, stability and welfare.

In this huge and historic endeavour, Turkey will continue to stand along with Yemen and remain ready to share its experience, both in legislation and in practice, in the field of human rights.

Thank you Mr. President.