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Intervention by Turkey

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Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to welcome the Bruneian delegation and thank the Government of Brunei Darussalam for this detailed national report and its successful presentation.

Turkey commends Brunei Darussalam's active participation in the human rights work on the regional level. In this respect, we are pleased to witness that Brunei has been an active supporter of the work of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR).

Moreover, we see that Brunei Darussalam has been active in the field of human rights on the global level. In this respect, various visits from representatives of international bodies relevant to human rights and Brunei's transparent approach to technical cooperation in its human rights and development endeavour is noteworthy. We commend Brunei Darussalam's commitments to the various international human rights instruments it is a party to, including those related to the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children.

We see that Brunei Darussalam upholds overall development of the society and improving its life standards as a top priority strategic goal. In this framework, it is seen that equal education and high quality health services stand as important parts of the Brunei Vision 2035 strategic plan. We **recommend** Brunei Darussalam to continue its efforts to ensure adequate housing, access to healthcare and education as means to ensure quality standard of living for its peoples.

I thank you, Mr. President.