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Intervention by Turkey**

Mr. President ,

We would like to welcome the Norwegian delegation and thank them for their insightful presentation as well as for their well-elaborated national report.

We applaud the high level of human rights standards in Norway and would like to welcome especially the amendment made to the Penal Code regarding hate crime, which specifies that encouraging someone to commit a specific offence or glorifying a criminal offence online is punishable by law.

We also commend Norway's valuable contribution to the work of the Human Rights Council in various important fields such as the protection of the rights of human rights defenders. In this line, we also appreciate its efforts to remedy the structural challenges of the human rights system in Geneva, as well as its important contribution to the budget of the OHCHR.

We, however, wish to make the following recommendations on some areas that may require further attention.

Considering the increase in Islamophobic, anti-Semitic and racially motivated hate crimes, we **recommend** Norway to take further measures to combat racist manifestations, in particular against Roma people.

Turkey also **recommends** Norway to improve the collection of data on hate crimes and incidents, work to find the reasons behind the unreported cases, encourage victims to report, and if necessary take measures to protect them.

We **recommend** Norway to review the practices concerning the removal of children from their families by the Child Welfare Service, in the light of the best interest of the child and take necessary measures to maintain the special bond of the child with his/her cultural, ethnic and religious identity, after removal from the family.

In line with the recommendations made by several treaty bodies, we finally **recommend** Norway to consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Thank you.