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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Portugal and thank them for their successful presentation.

We would like to congratulate the establishment of the Portuguese National Human Rights Committee. We understand that the well structured national report we have before us today is a successful outcome of this body.

Turkey commends the firm steps taken by the Portuguese Government in the field of overcoming the economic crisis and we are pleased to observe the positive macroeconomic outcomes of these measures. In this respect, we would like to **recommend** carrying out an analysis on the effects of the crisis on human rights, especially on socio-economic rights. Such an analysis should focus particularly on the situation of vulnerable groups such as refugees, migrants, the Roma, children, women and elderly people.

Moreover, we would like to ask the Portuguese delegation about the measures taken to improve the capacity of the prisons with the easing of the grip of the economic crisis.

The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (CoE-ECRI) and the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities of the Council of Europe (CoE-ACFC) reported that the effectiveness of remedies against discrimination were hampered by the complexity of the system. At this point we would be pleased to hear about the steps taken by Portugal regarding the report and the recommendations of ECRI of 9 July 2013 on the fight against racial discrimination, particularly targeted at the Roma and immigrants.

Turkey also commends the important steps taken to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings. In this framework, we would like to be informed about what Portugal has done to improve the assistance provided to victims of human trafficking in view of the GRETA report and recommendations of 12 February 2013.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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