

COUNTRY UNDER REVIEW: QATAR

Intervention by Turkey

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Thank you Mr. President,

We welcome the Qatari delegation and thank them for their presentation and the comprehensive national report they have submitted.

We praise and support peaceful policies pursued by Qatar in its regional dealings which are based on the principles of good governance, human rights, human dignity, economic development and regional cooperation.

We commend the Qatari authorities in their efforts towards further developing the human rights in the country. Qatar has made solid progress in promoting and protecting human rights as part of the comprehensive reform process, called "Qatar National Vision 2030".

Among these, we should highlight the measures taken for improving gender equality and strengthening women's status in the society. We **recommend** Qatar to continue its efforts in this direction.

We also commend Qatar for its resolve in fighting human trafficking. Qatar has enacted the human trafficking act to this end as well as in order to promote the human rights of the victims of trafficking. We see the "National Plan to Combat Human Trafficking" as an important guideline for implementation of the said act and we **recommend** the State of Qatar to continue with the implementation of this national plan.

We also note with satisfaction the lively internal debate in Qatar for protecting and strengthening the rights of expatriate employees. We encourage Qatari authorities to keep the momentum of their efforts to create better conditions for the foreign labour force in the country.

I thank you, Mr. President.