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Mr. President,

We thank the Angolan delegation for their comprehensive National Report and detailed presentation.

We commend the Angolan authorities for the ongoing work to further bring domestic provisions in line with international legal instruments.

We kindly ask the Angolan delegation to brief us about the process of ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Turkey commends the continuing efforts of the Angolan government to register births, including the successful national census conducted this year in May. We **recommend** that the registration system be further improved and supported by awareness-raising activities, in order to sustain the rise in registration numbers.

We encourage the work carried out in the area of combating violence against women and ensuring gender equality. In this respect, Turkey **recommends** Angola to consider adopting a national strategy to fight against all forms of violence against women.

In the field of education, we note with appreciation the measures implemented to reduce illiteracy. Besides, we **recommend** to ensure equal access to education for women and girls.

The National Health Development Plan 2012-2025 is a welcome step. Given the crucial importance for public well-being of improved sanitation and the prevention of transmissible diseases, we **recommend** the allocation of additional efforts and resources to improving the country's health system.

Thank you, Mr. President.