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Mr. President,

I wish to welcome the delegation of Kazakhstan and thank them for the comprehensive National Report they have submitted and their detailed presentation today.

We note with appreciation the progress that Kazakhstan has accomplished in the field of human rights in the last two and a half decades.

We observe Kazakhstan's steady efforts to improve the human rights situation across the country, with a spirit of cooperation with the international mechanisms. In this framework, we welcome the adoption of the national action plan for the implementation of the recommendations in the first round of the UPR and we commend the progress made so far.

We also commend Kazakhstan's cooperation with international human rights monitoring mechanisms and its standing invitation to all Special Procedures.

Turkey has been an active counterpart of cooperation in Kazakhstan's human rights and development efforts. Currently there is an important community of Turkish citizens in Kazakhstan. In this respect, Turkey welcomes the recently adopted rules regarding the types of visas for family reunification and **recommends** ensuring the effective implementation of these rules.

CERD expressed its concern that the quota system on the recruitment of foreign labor force was restrictive and might lead to discrimination. Turkey **recommends** Kazakhstan to ensure this quota system's compatibility with the universal human rights standards.

Finally, Turkey welcomes the State programme to further modernize the law enforcement system and **recommends** Kazakhstan to effectively pursue the implementation of this programme.

I thank you Mr. President.