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Mr. President,

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

Turkey commends the firm steps taken by the Slovenian Government in the field of overcoming the economic crisis and we are pleased to observe the positive trend in the outcomes of these measures. In this respect, we welcome the Resolution on the National Social Assistance Programme 2013-2020 and the National Reform Programmes and would be pleased to hear more from the Slovenian delegation about the implementation of these programmes.

Related to the issue of eliminating the social impact of the economic crisis, we are glad to observe that the Slovenian Government has taken concrete steps in several social policy realms including health care, youth and education.

Since the first round of the UPR, we observe Slovenia's determination to resolve the "issue of persons erased". In this respect, we praise "the Act on Compensations for Persons Erased from the Register of Permanent Residents" which became effective in last June as the strongest indication of political will in this matter.

Finally, we are pleased to observe that Slovenia has been pursuing a full-fledged policy of addressing violence against women and domestic violence. In this respect, a necessary legislative background has been established and essential awareness raising and monitoring programmes are being implemented. As a further step, we **recommend** the Slovenian Government to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (aka the Istanbul Convention), which it signed on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Thank you, Mr. President.