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Mr. President,

I wish to welcome the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic and thank them for their detailed presentation.

We note with appreciation the efforts of the Kyrgyz authorities in the field of human rights since 2010. In this respect we are looking forward to the general elections of this year and the presidential election of 2017. We expect these elections to be held in transparency and peace.

We recognize the Kyrgyz Republic's many initiatives in order to improve the human rights situation across the country. Cooperation with the international human rights mechanisms will be a useful step towards transparency in this field. Therefore Turkey **recommends** Kyrgyzstan to *extend a standing invitation to all Special Procedures*.

Turkey also commends Kyrgyz government's and its judicial bodies' determination to combat corruption. Finalization of the work on the legal infrastructure in this field is crucial for the democratization process within the country.

Another important tool in the combat against corruption is the institution of the ombudsman's office. Turkey commends Kyrgyzstan's initial step to form a body as such. In this respect, Turkey **recommends** the government of Kyrgyzstan to take the necessary steps to bring the Office of the Ombudsman into compliance with the Paris Principles.

I thank you Mr. President.