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Mr. President,

We would like to welcome the Swedish delegation and thank them for their insightful presentation as well as for their well-elaborated national report.

Turkey praises the high level achieved by Sweden in the field of human rights. Particularly on the prevention of violence against women, we commend Sweden for its commitment and recent ratification of the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention.

We wish to make the following **recommendations** on some areas that may require further attention.

We **recommend** Sweden to *ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.*

Considering the racially motivated and/or religiously intolerant hate speech against Muslims, Jews, Afro-Swedes and Romas and the increase in the Islamophobic, anti-Semitic and racially motivated hate crimes, we echo CERD's call and **recommend** Sweden to *effectively investigate, prosecute and punish all hate crimes and to take effective measures to combat hate speech in the media and on the internet, including by prosecuting the perpetrators regardless of their official status.*

Thank you Mr. President.