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Statement by Slovakia

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Mr President,

Slovakia commends Turkey for introducing the right to individual application to the Constitutional Court in September 2012 and encourages the relevant national authorities to abide strictly by the decisions of the Court.

We recognize Turkey's efforts to strengthen women's rights by taking over new international commitments in this field. Violence against women remains, however, a matter of concern. We invite the Government to pursue its policies aimed at prevention and protection of women against violence.

Slovakia would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Turkey:

1. **Continue to address the inequalities affecting particularly the Roma community.**
2. **Pursue its work on reforms with a view to ensure the independence and impartiality of the judiciary and provide judges with adequate human rights training.**
3. **Accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and implement it fully at national level and accede to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court.**

Thank you.