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**The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the United Nations Office at Geneva and specialized institutions in Switzerland  
The Ambassador**

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*Statement by H.E. Mr. Yusuf Mohamed Ismail Bari-Bari*

*Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Somalia on the occasion of  
The Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Turkey at the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the United Nations  
Human Rights Council*

*Ich danke Ihnen, Herr Präsident.*

my delegation would like to very warmly welcome the high level delegation of Turkey led by Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Bulent Arinc, and all the members of the delegation and congratulates Turkey for their insightful presentation and for their detailed national report. We also commend H.E. Ambassador Mehmet Ferden Çarikçi.

Somalia notes with much appreciation Turkey's overall commitment with regard to the protection and promotion of human rights in all areas, and clear-cut actions taken towards this direction. The efforts on consolidating gender equality, eliminating violence against women and protecting the rights of children are particularly noteworthy.

On violence against women, we commend Turkey for being the first country to sign and ratify the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention, as well as duly aligning its national legislation with this key instrument. We **recommend** that Turkey continue its efforts on the prevention of violence against women and the related awareness-raising activities.

Somalia welcomes the adoption of the National Strategy Document on Children's Rights. We believe that this comprehensive scheme will guide Turkey's further efforts in many areas such as the prevention of child labor and violence against children. In this context, we **recommend** Turkey to complete its work toward the establishment of a national strategy on combating violence against children.

Finally, my delegation expresses its utmost gratitude to Turkey for its immense fraternal solidarity to the Somali people. May ALLAH swt bless and protect the Brotherly people of Turkey!

*I thank you all for your kind attention*