

Closing remarks by the head of  
delegation, deputy prime minister  
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Honorable President, Esteemed Ambassadors and Distinguished Participants,

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) meeting of Turkey. The questions asked and recommendations made during the session have been noted and will be considered with diligence.

No country has a perfect human rights record. Despite being a founding member of the family of most advanced democracies in the world, Turkey may also have a number of fields to improve. The issues which have been raised during the UPR session or those which were submitted to us through several review channels have allowed us to make a comprehensive analysis of the facts as to Turkey's shortcomings and how they are perceived.

We hope that we have been able to reply to a significant part of the questions asked. All recommendations made to Turkey will be considered with due diligence. Work shall begin following the approval of our UPR Report for the implementation of the recommendations and follow-up of the results.

Following the review, supplementary information will be presented on the improvements through the voluntary interim report to be prepared within two years from now. As in the preparation process of the UPR national report of Turkey, we will ensure the participation of all stakeholders in the follow-up process.

Finally, I would like to express my special gratitude to the Secretariat of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and to the interpreters for their valuable contribution.

Thank you Mr. President.