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I would like to thank H.E. for the detailed and comprehensive presentation of the National Report for the second cycle of the UPR, with a particular emphasis on the follow up of accepted recommendations from its first review in May 2010.

In this regard, my delegation commends the large and inclusive consultative process led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the preparation of this report.

We would like to make the following observations:

- We welcome the strengthening of the Turkish institutional framework for promotion and protection of human rights, in particular the entry into force in June 2012 of the laws on the ombudsman and on the National human Rights Institutions of Turkey, with the wide mandate of given to these institutions, which is in line with the Paris Principles on the matter. In this regard, *my delegation recommends to Turkey to undertake the necessary measure to obtain the 'A' accreditation for these institutions.*
- We commend the efforts of Turkey to become party to all international human right instruments. In this regard, my delegation welcomes the ratification by Turkey of the OP-CAT and the designation of the national Institution as National Prevention Mechanisms. However, my delegation notes that the Turkey is not yet party to the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances and *recommends that Turkey considers the ratification of the latter.*
- My delegation takes note of the positive measures taken by Turkey in the promotion of the rights of women, in particular the positive discrimination introduced to the Turkish Constitution in the 2010 amendment, as well as the creation of the Ministry of Family and Social Policies. My delegation

takes note in particular of the National Plan of Action of Gender Equality described in paragraph 103 of the National Report and would like to have further information on the objectives of this Plan and the results achieved so far.

I thank you Mr. President.