

*Statement by the Republic of Cyprus on*

**Turkey**

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Mr. President,

Cyprus regrets the fact that its recommendations made during Turkey's examination in the First Cycle were reflected in the subsequent report in a discriminatory manner.

This time round, we have the following recommendations for Turkey:

- To ratify Additional Protocols I and II to the Geneva Conventions of 1949;
- To accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and to the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Court;
- To implement without further delay all relevant judgements of the ECHR, including those in which grave human rights violations by Turkey have been established in the occupied area of Cyprus, under the effective control of Turkey.
- To abolish all statutory time limits pertaining to the investigation of and prosecution for serious human rights violations;
- To allow all religious or belief communities to train their religious instructors in accordance with their own dogma and traditions;
- To take steps in order to enhance and promote gender equality in all walks of life;
- To amend or revoke legislation such as the 'Anti-Terror Law' and the 'Law on Meetings and Demonstrations', ensuring their provisions cannot be misused to curtail the freedom of expression or of the press.

Thank you.