

Statement by Hungary on Turkey
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Mr. President,

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Turkey to this UPR Session and we would like to thank them for the comprehensive and detailed national report. Hungary highly appreciates the legal reforms which have been introduced by the Government since 2010, aimed at bringing Turkey's laws and regulations in line with its international human rights obligations and commitments in particular the creation of a National Human Rights Institution in compliance with Paris Principles, and **recommends** Turkey to consider applying for an "A" status accreditation of this institution.

Hungary acknowledges the positive measures regarding recognized *minorities* and would welcome further actions by Turkey towards harmonizing its legislation and administrative practice with relevant international and European standards as well as best practices in this area.

Hungary welcomes the adoption of the six "*Judicial Reform Packages*" and we recommend Turkey to implement the provisions of this strengthened legal framework encompassing various rights and freedoms, in particular the *freedom of expression and the media online and offline*.

Last but not least, Hungary **recommends** Turkey to continue the consideration of its accession to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Thank you, Mr. President!