

Italian Intervention

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Thank you Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Turkey, and thank them for their presentation and report.

Italy welcomes Turkey's efforts to establish a proper institutional framework to prevent violations of human rights. Italy recommends that Turkey renews its commitment to a comprehensive reform of legislation aimed at guaranteeing the rule of law, the freedom of thought, religion, expression and of the media, in compliance with international standards.

Italy welcomes the efforts carried out by the Turkey to encourage dialogue with the different religious communities. However Italy recommends Turkey to overcome the continuous lack of legal personality for non-Muslim organized religious communities and to ensure the necessary respect for the beliefs of religious minorities, especially following the introduction of compulsory religion education in Turkish schools.

Italy recommends the effective implementation of the Law to Protect Family and Prevent Violence against Women.

Italy encourages Turkey to continue its efforts to combat the plague of child labor and recommends:

- to increase the number of labor inspectors, especially in the rural provinces
- to take appropriate measures to provide school education to refugee children and to avoid discrimination of non-camp refugee children.

I thank you.