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**Statement of the delegation of the Kyrgyz Republic
during the interactive dialogue of the UPR Working Group
on Turkey
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Counsellor Mr. Aidit Erkin

Mr. President,

Kyrgyzstan warmly welcomes the fraternal Turkish delegation and commends Turkey for the concrete progress achieved since the last review. Important institutions were established in order to strengthen the institutional safeguards for human rights, including the Human Rights Institution of Turkey. Established in compliance with the UN Paris Principles, this institution is responsible for carrying out work on the protection and enhancement of human rights. The Institution is also designated as National Preventive Mechanism in order to perform tasks within the context of the OPCAT.

Turkey has a standing open invitation to all the United Nations Special Procedures mandate holders. Turkey is the first country to sign and ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence.

We note with satisfaction that Turkey maintains open border policy for Syrian refugees without any discrimination. In total, nearly 1.6 million Syrians are hosted in Turkey.

Mr. President,

Acknowledging the achievements of Turkey on the combating human trafficking, my delegation recommends:

- to adopt the Act on the Prevention of Human Trafficking and Protection of Victims.

Mr. President,

My delegation is confident that Turkey will continue to pursue its comprehensive reform process bearing in mind its international commitments with a view to further promoting and protecting human rights.

I thank you!