



Statement  
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Mr. President,

The Lao delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Turkey to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle of UPR and would like to thank for a comprehensive National Report.

My delegation commends the Government of Turkey for the significant progress made to further promotion and protection of human rights. We are please to note that since the first cycle of UPR, Turkey has rigorously pursued the reform process and has taken further steps to ensure effective implementation of the legal framework, by setting up new national monitoring and compliance mechanisms.

We appreciate efforts made by Turkey to protect and safeguard the rights of children, women and people with disabilities through, among others, greater opportunities for women in the workforce and politics by setting target of 17 percent for representation of women in parliament by 2015.

In this connection, my delegation offers the following recommendations:

1). To continue its cooperation with the UN, other International Organizations and human rights mechanisms to overcome remaining constraints and challenges.

2). To Continue its efforts to pursue its reform process to further promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

We wish Turkey every success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President