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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Turkey
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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Turkey, led by H.E. Bulent Arinc, Deputy Prime Minister for the presentation of its 2nd national UPR report.

It is encouraging to note that Turkey has made concerted efforts to implement majority of the recommendations received during the 1st cycle of the UPR.

We commend the comprehensive legal and judicial reforms introduced by Turkey which are in line with its international obligations. In this regard, we welcome the Democratization Package, announced on 30 September 2013 which introduces wide-ranging reforms for further improvement and enjoyment of a wide-spectrum of civil and political rights for citizens of Turkey from all walks of life.

We also welcome the establishment of national human rights institution, introduction of institutional safeguards for protection of rights, Constitutional Amendment of 2010 regarding Positive Discrimination, the Law on the Protection of Family and Prevention of Violence against Women (no. 6284) 2012, National Strategy Document and Action Plan on Children's Rights 2013-2017, among others.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations to Turkey:

1. Continue to combat violence against women and ensure gender equality; and
2. Continue to implement Democratization Package 2013.

I thank you.