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**Statement by Rwanda Delegation**

Thank you Mr. President,

Rwanda welcomes the delegation of Turkey to the Second Cycle of the UPR and thanks them for the comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

We commend the progress made by Turkey since the first cycle of the UPR in the field of human rights. We commend in particular the entry into force of the law on the Ombudsman Institution in 2012 following the Constitutional amendments of 2010.

Rwanda notes with appreciation the establishment in 2011 of the Ministry of Family and Social Policies. We have also noted the adoption of the National Action Plan for Combating Domestic Violence against Women in July 2012.

We further commend Turkey's contribution to the efforts of regional and international organizations in combating human trafficking. We note that the operations carried out between 2005 and October 2014, arrested 2069 traffickers and rescued 1119 victims.

Finally, Rwanda would like to recommend Turkey to:

- ***Increase the representation of women in decision-making positions,***
- ***Consider ratifying UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education.***

We wish Turkey every success in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle Review.