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Intervention by Turkey

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Mr. President,

We welcome the Croatian delegation and thank them for the presentation of their comprehensive National Report.

Turkey applauds Croatia's determination for constant improvement of the institutional and legal framework, which contributes to the overall well-being and harmony enjoyed by its diverse communities.

We note with satisfaction new legislative steps taken to fight corruption. In this regard, Turkey **recommends** Croatia to finalize the draft Strategy and Action Plan to Combat Corruption and effectively prosecute the perpetrators of corruption acts.

While appreciating the range of policies and programmes elaborated to improve the rights of children, we encourage the strengthening of the anti-discrimination dimension. Therefore, Turkey **recommends** that Croatia ensure the elimination of any form of discrimination against children, especially children in marginalized and disadvantaged situations.

We believe that efforts deployed in order to prevent violence against women will advance women's general standing and self-esteem within the Croatian society. With this understanding, Turkey **recommends** Croatia to accede to the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence.

Turkey wishes all the success to Croatia during its second cycle review.

Thank you, Mr. President.