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(Intervention by Turkey)

Mr. President,

We would like to welcome the delegation of Honduras and thank them for their insightful presentation.

We appreciate Honduras' efforts to increase human rights standards in different areas.

In this regard it is worth mentioning the adoption of the Public Policy and National Action Plan on Human Rights as well as of the Gender Equality and Equity Plan. Turkey commends the cooperation of Honduras with the UN Special Procedure Mechanisms and welcomes the foreseen opening of an OHCHR country office in mid-2015.

However, different reports still reflect various concerns as regards the situation of women.

We continue to note with concern the prevailing high incidence of violence against women. In line with the recommendation expressed by the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, Turkey **recommends** to take specific measures to protect women from being victim of discrimination and violence, including the appropriate investigation of such cases as well as the prosecution and punishment of perpetrators.

Turkey further **recommends** the Government of Honduras to sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to CEDAW.

Bearing in mind the importance of ensuring universal birth registration, Turkey commends the efforts of the Honduran government towards that end. In this respect, we **recommend** that the birth registration system be further improved and supported by awareness-raising activities, in order to sustain the rise in registration numbers, especially in rural areas.

Finally, we wish Honduras all success during its 2nd UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.