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Intervention by Turkey

Mr. President,

We would like to welcome Senator the Honorable Mark Golding and his delegation. We would also like to thank the Government of Jamaica for their detailed and objective national report.

We commend Jamaica's holistic approach to the promotion and protection of human rights within the country. Thus, the "Vision 2030 National Development Plan" is noteworthy and we are looking forward to the positive outcomes of this plan.

Jamaica's consideration of and efforts to protect the vulnerable groups from the negative impacts of the economic recession are also worth mentioning. In this respect, we will appreciate to hear more from the Jamaican delegation about the social development strategy, which was developed in 2013.

Although women's participation in political and business life is at a commendable level in Jamaica, we would like to echo CEDAW's concerns on the high incidence of domestic violence. We would like to kindly remind that prevention of violence against women and domestic violence is a must for the empowerment of women and girls. Therefore, we are looking forward to the finalization and implementation of the National Strategic Plan of Action to Eliminate Gender Based Violence. We would also like to echo UN country team in **recommending** Jamaica to *adopt and resource the NSPA-GBV*.

Bearing in mind the prime importance of the right to life among human rights, we take note of Jamaica's lifting the mandatory death penalty for certain crimes in 2005. Moreover, the capital punishment has not been executed since 1988. We encourage Jamaica to finalize its positive steps in this field and **recommend** them to *ratify the 2<sup>nd</sup> Optional Protocol to the ICCPR on the abolition of the death penalty*.