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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the Mongolian delegation and thank them for their comprehensive National Report.

Turkey congratulates Mongolia for its achievements in the field of human rights as it celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Democratic Revolution. In particular, the impressive track record on free and fair elections, as well as the resolute steps taken to abolish the death penalty are noteworthy.

We also commend Mongolia in achieving considerable progress in acceding to international treaties, and enacting national legislation with a view to bring domestic provisions in line with international instruments. In this context, Turkey **recommends** Mongolia to adopt specific legislation to address all kinds of discrimination, particularly taking into account the rights of persons with disabilities and older persons.

The draft new Criminal Code submitted to the Parliament last year is a much welcome step in terms of defining torture in accordance with Article 1 of the Convention Against Torture. Therefore, we **recommend** Mongolia to accelerate the enactment process of the new Criminal Code.

Regarding domestic violence, Turkey welcomes the establishment of victim protection shelters and the operationalization of a direct telephone line for emergencies. Furthermore, Turkey **recommends** Mongolia to adopt and actively pursue a focused national strategy on combating all forms of violence against women, which would promote awareness-raising activities related to the Law to Combat Domestic Violence.

In the field of education, we note with appreciation the measures implemented to reduce school dropout rates. Besides, we **recommend** to ensure equal access to education for children with disabilities, by improving public perception on their rights.

Proud of being a "third neighbour" of Mongolia, Turkey will continue to assist Mongolian authorities in their capacity-building efforts through the involvement of a variety of Turkish institutions. With this understanding we wish all the success to Mongolia during its second cycle review.

Thank you, Mr. President.